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PRICE TWOPENCE.

HORSE WARRANTY.

CHAPMAN v. BACON.—This was a case in dispute as to the "warranty" of a horse, the facts elicited being as follows:—Messrs. Matthews and Moir conducted the case for the plaintiff, while Mr. Cave appeared for the defendant. The plaintiff stated that he had purchased a grey mare from Mr. Chapman, bad purchased a grey mare at a different market, and then sold it to Mr. Chapman, bad purchased a grey mare in Yorkshire, for £20, taking at the time the following warranty:—"Mr. Chapman has this day bought of me a grey mare for £20, warranted sound, free from vice, no crib biter, roarer, or wind sucker." Upon the arrival of the mare at the plaintiff's stable she was placed in a loose box with an iron manger, and trained for a hunter. The plaintiff afterwards sold her to Colonel Kingecote as a hunter for the Prince of Wales. She hurt her leg as Colonel Kingecote was riding her, and she was put into a stall with a wooden manger, and then it was discovered that she was a "crib biter." Colonel Kingecote, who sent information to the defendant, who wrote to the plaintiff stating that he had never known her guilty of this vice, although he had bred her. The parties corresponded for some time on the subject, and ultimately she was put up for sale by auctioneer, and sold for £10, and the plaintiff paid £10 for purchasing her. The sum now sought to be recovered was £17 1s. 9d., being the amount of keep and expenses. The only question now was whether or not the mare was an "accomplished" crib biter, as they expressed themselves. When horses were lying idle they got into a habit of crib biting for amusement. The plaintiff's groom saw some symptoms of the vice before the sale to Colonel Kingecote, and when he told him that the mare was a "crib biter" from Colonel Kingecote's she was put into a stall with a wooden manger, and then the vice was apparent. Sometimes a horse would not crib bite before a stranger, or when placed in a fresh stable. —Colonel Kingecote, Master of the Horse to the Prince of Wales, stated that he had purchased the mare of the plaintiff. She was put in a loose box, where there was nothing for her to lay hold of. He rode her for a week, and then she was put into a stall, and laid up for some days. She was then placed in a stall. In consequence of something his groom told him he went to the stable and saw the mare "crib bite." He returned her at once to the plaintiff. She did not appear to be a new beginner. She was a high spirited mare, and very nervous.—The case of the defendant was that the mare had never been known to bite her crib during the time she was in his possession, and that she was a high bred spirit mare, who had never been out of his possession. —Witnesses were called for the defence. —The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

MR. GEORGE DAWSON ON ATHLETIC SPORTS.

At a meeting held in Birmingham on Monday last Dr. G. Dawson, a medical practitioner, spoke on a large scale. Mr. George Dawson was one of the speakers, and said some years back, among some classes in the country, there was a feeling that if they looked after men's souls, they should take very little care for their bodies. That, they said, was a more sublimate matter—it was hardly worth while to trouble themselves about it. Then they had all that talk about the blessings of affliction, by which they meant that the body, though it was deposited in health and sickness, not considering the real happiness of life, thinking of no lost love, no broken friendship, and all the great troubles incidental to this short life of ours. Preachers went on drivelling about the true blessings of affliction, until at last a man came to look upon illness as almost a matter of necessity for himself. Now, happily, we came to understand this—the greater part of the time a man looks upon illness with owing to his sins. It was his own blam in the majority of cases. In the large number of cases the illness was the result either of wilful violation of known laws, or of the ignorance of those laws. There were twelve hours in the day during which a man might work; and the sooner they attended to the observance of those conditions, the sooner they should be able to employ those whole twelve hours during which a man should be able to work. They must see what a great blessing it was to have a sound mind in a sound body. They found it was very hard for a man to be very good when he was sick; acquaintance with sick beds made known to a man the

lower form of human nature—it means its littleness. Those who had most to do with sick people knew that it was a great tax upon human charity to have them sometimes pouring out by the hour their complaints, and telling them what a bad night they had had. There were many who said a walk in the country was good for health. But a walk in the country, as they wanted it, was a walk in the country crooked, have on their walls and come back as crooked as they went. That would misrepresent the human figure, or give it that development essential to life and sound health. Let them remember that young men as a rule did not much care for the scenery of the country. A young man would rather at any time go into a gymnasium for athletic exercise than he would take a walk amidst the loveliest scenery in the country. That was all very well for staid men

like themselves, but those in the first bloom of manly vigour wanted something else. To provide a gymnasium for meeting the want they had recognised, he believed the only way open was to adopt the principle of association. He had made mutual acquaintances with the other, having in his youth practised athletic sports; and he attributed to that his comparative freedom from ill-health, and his power with plenty of steam in it, and one of the greatest blessings God could give a man—unbroken courage. For physical courage was a result of athletic exercises. It was hard to be a brave man and a sick man; to be a cheerful man, and at the same time a dyspeptic man. It was better that they should promote those athletic sports, if they were to make their men well-formed—they were to make them a better shape; for they might depend upon that the more handsome men they had would diminish the dangers of those few who were handsome.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Amateur Athletic Club will hold their first annual champion games on the day immediately preceding the University boat race, on some ground in London. The programme will probably consist of the following events:—Flat Races: 100 yards running, quarter miles do., one mile do., half mile do., hurdle race, over ten flights of hurdles, 30 feet high; high running jump; long running jump; high pole jump; putting the weight (16lb weight); throwing the hammer (16lb weight). The entrance fee for each of these competitions will be one guinea. All entries for the competitions must be made in writing to C. G. Pym, Esq., 83 St. George's-road, Warwick-square, S. W., at least a fortnight before the day of meeting. The competition will be open to any gentleman amateur, and the club lay down the following rule, which will be strictly enforced—"That no gentleman who has ever run in any open race or handicap can enter for the club races." Any objection to a competitor who has entered must be made before the race, and his claim to run will be decided by the committee. Further particulars will appear in due course.

SKATING AND ATHLETIC EXERCISES.—A place of very healthy recreation has been opened at "the Arch," near the pier at the end of Villiers-street, Strand, in which skating on the "wheel principle" presents the most interesting feature. A half of some 36 feet in width, and upwards of 200 feet in length, is covered with a thin sheet of ice, and although those who have enjoyed the delightful gliding motion of a good "Fen" (Lincolnshire) skate, at some 15 miles an hour, could not tolerate the labours and unpleasant running of a set of wheels on such a surface, yet the attendance of a very large number of amateurs on Saturday evinced the desire which the youth of the metropolis have to indulge in healthful exercise. The hall was crowded, and from the way in which the visitors enjoyed themselves there is little doubt that the place will become a popular one. The hall has the advantage of being brilliantly illuminated.

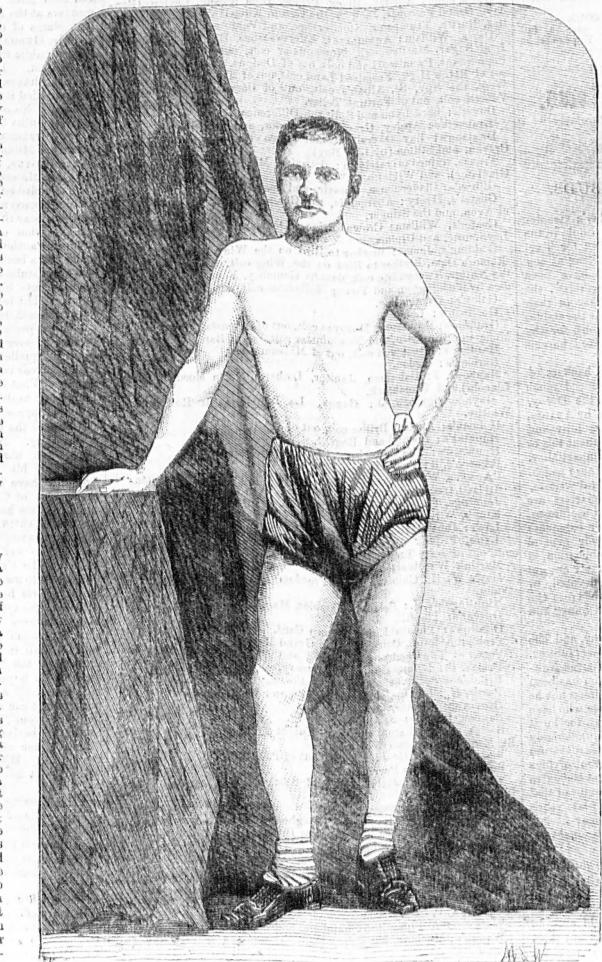
WRESTLING.

MANCHESTER.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS.—On Monday next, Teddy Lowe of Whitworth, near Rochdale, and Henry Counsel (alias Bordy) of Bury, meet here to decide their long pending and exciting contest, the best weight for which can be £60, neither to exceed 6 stone 10 lbs.—£25 a week to be placed in Mr. Hayes' hands, and the final deposit must be placed in his hands and the men to weigh at 9 o'clock and enter the ring at 11.

CITY GROUNDS.—The match to wrestle 2' out of 3 back-falls Lancashire style, between J. Massey, of Ashton, and T. Parkinson, of Clifton, for £30, takes place here on New Year's Day. To commence at half-past 2 o'clock. Stakeholder: Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester.

HUNTING CHANGES.—Mr. Cresgee Colmore has announced his intention of giving up the Cottingham Hounds; and the present season will terminate Mr. T. Drake's Mastership of the Bicester country.



GEORGE TOPLEY, the Great Pedestrian.

Westhall's Great Feat surpassed.—Twenty-one miles, fair walking, in 1 minute 15 seconds under Three Hours.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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On SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 1866,
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AND "OLD MOTHER RED CAP."

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HIS PONY AND PHAETON—HIS FAVOURITE MASTIFF
"LION."

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MISS COULT'S COTTAGES, SWAINES LANE.
ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY.
INTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL.
THE ROAD TO THE GRAVE.
A VIEW OF THE FINAL RESTING PLACE.
THE RETURN.
THE READING OF THE WILL, &c., &c., &c.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TURF.

J. H.—Bredaline started nine times, and won four times.
A. R. C.—It was said at the time, but we have no means of verifying it, that many of our stables are still in the hands of their original owners; but, of course, matters of opinion is another affair.
BENTON.—Blair Athol is a light bay; he has a white face.
X.—I would much rather search the calendar for yourself, but eleven questions is too much of a good thing.
W. LISTER.—THEATRICAL.

EAST-STREET, MIDDLETON.—We shall be glad to hear from you.
SHILLING AND PAYSON.—Thanks for your communication; send at all times

when convenient.
PARIS.—The address of Thomas Coyle, Juniper, is requested, who is a relative of Thomas Barlow, of Glasgow.
PEDESTRIANISM.—
J. INGRAM.—I am enclosing a "Wastell's Book on Training," to be had of Beeston in the Strand.
MANSON.—Write to John Levitt; a letter directed to him at Bexley, about seven miles from Dublin will find him.
COURSES.

WILLIAM ALEXON.—You are answerable for my MISCELLANEOUS.

SAMUEL VINES.—We gave a full account at the time. You cannot be a constant reader.

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WINTER LEAVES AND SPRING BUDS.

It had not been for Christmastide, and the two day's staple-chasing got up by the Bellingtons in Perry Vale, racing people in the home circuit would have had a saxy time of it this week; for TATE-BRADSTREET's subscription room is closed, and nothing is stirring at the Wellington-street rendezvous. Our provincial friends have been little better off; dullness reigns everywhere. Nevertheless, the weather has been so open that trainers have continued busy in their "schooling" the youngsters, and we are glad to find that the stables are free from any dread epidemic. Breeders are anxious, for the time of foaling is at hand, and subscription lists for the stud barns are rapidly closing.

During the leisure hours of the past few days or so, backers of horses generally, and bookmakers too, have experienced much pleasure from the perusal of the several pamphlets on the Derby, and other pending great three-year-old races, just published by ANABIS, BENSON, JEDDEY, SHERIDAN, and WALMSLEY. They are carefully and cleverly written, and the argumentative pros and cons, annexed to each horse, evince the soundest judgment and strictest impartiality. Our readers will materially benefit from a perusal of these pages, and as "keys" are appended to each race by the several writers, the latest "tip" is ensured. Reports from training quarters are also given, and savour of good practical knowledge and usefulness. BALLY, McCALL, and WRIGHT have also produced their calendar of races past, and we may congratulate them upon their general accuracy. Of course, in the hurry of compilation and publication, a few errors have crept in; but even the Messrs. WEATHERBY are not immaculate in this respect. A calendar exclusively devoted to steeplechasing, is, we hear, in contemplation; and we trust the speculation will prove more successful than those of CORBETT and OSBORNE.

Rustic has become an immense favourite for the Derby, and The Student continues the market premier for the Two Thousand Guineas. We are not surprised about the change for the Surrey, but the Newmarket one somewhat "staggered" us. Because Lord Lyon has been supassed by these two horses in the quotation lists, it must not be inferred that there is anything the matter with him. Those who have backed him for the Rowley Mile contest will not regret it, for he is doing as well as any horse in training, and his speed is undeniably first-class, for we know that he has privately beaten Gardesuisse three lengths at even weights. Nevertheless we have our misgivings that he will be out of his element when he attempts to get the extra half mile at Epsom, for he cannot stay; and we are convinced that Dover will get very little improvement out of him upon last year's form. Rustic, on the contrary, like Redan, was never near fit last season, and he is sure to bring out a much superior animal next season to what we have ever seen of him, for it is no secret at Danebury that he gave Master Richard his *quidus* at only 12lb. difference. If he could do that when he was half prepared merely, what will he do after a good winter? Still, it must not be forgotten that Mr. RICHARD SETTON has owned both him and Lord Lyon, and, since he parted with Rustic to the Duke of Beaufort, he has laid an even £5,000 his lordship beats the Dumbury representative. But there are those who contend that the Leicestershire Squire now regrets having parted with the present Derby favourite, as it is now found (so rumour, in certain quarters, has it) that Lord Lyon is exhibiting slight symptoms of roaring, independent of the Paradigm's family softness, so unmistakeably apparent in

Gardesuisse, Blue Mantle, Man-at-Arms, and King-at-Arms. These arguments and reports must be listened to and received with great caution. It is quite certain his lordship is a horse of immense speed, therefore it would be folly to entirely ignore his chance for either of the great three-year-old contests of the coming campaign; for it may just be upon the cards the other leading public performers may "stand still" during the interregnum, and the dark class turn out to be worthless. In the latter division, Bertie, the Bribery colt, and the Midsummer colt, are the most popular; but we do not think the first mentioned will ever approach within pounds of his relative's (Blair Athol's) form; and with regard to Lord AYLESBURY's colt we have reason to believe there is something wrong, whilst the northerner is still suffering from curbs. The Student has been sailing recently, and MAX DAWSON fears he cannot thoroughly prepare him; but if he is fit on the Two Thousand day he will be a thorn in the side of Lord Lyon, and one of the other will have to go to the wall for the Derby. Jack in the Green (the stable companion of Rustic and Blue Riband) is sure to come on. The Student and Lord Lyon in the Two Thousand; and Tom Dawson seems to have got the Newmarket to get a Derby line for The Stabber; whilst HAYNOR, TOM JENNINGS, and ALDO TAYLOR are bound to ascertain, in the like way, what changes they have for the Surrey trophy. Most of these stables will have another opportunity of "feeling" in the Derby Trial Stakes, also run off in the First Spring week; so that both the Two Thousand and the Derby events will be even more than usually sensational, as the fields will be large for each, and when either Mr. MARSH or Mr. SURROY is bowled over on the Rowley Mile, the Two Thousand winner has yet to prove his superiority over Rustic or Blue Riband, neither of whom are regarded as for the first great three-year old colts. The Student is in the Eighth Newmarket Bistouri, during the Craven week, but will hardly meet Lord PORTOUR's Robin Hood with the Two Thousand so high; nor do we think that will be right enough to show in the Colours for which he now wears. Young Monarque and Crown Prince are almost sure to have a cut in, from which we shall be enabled to glean how far they have improved. Vespaian, Mount Palatine, Bertie, Chibbles, and Magician, might strip at Northampton; and one or two others at Bath; but it is almost certain that the Bribery and Midsummer colts, as well as Knights of the Crescent, will be reserved for the Blue Riband.

The annexed list of the several trainers' "lots" for the Epsom may be acceptable to our subscribers:—

Archer: Actor; Magician, and Simpleton.
Arnall's: Emigrant.
Balchin's: Venture and Venturesome.
Bates': Marco Spada and Pluto.
Blanton's: Duke of York.
Bloss's: Bertie, Czarowitch, and Vespaian.
Brown's: Kingsley.
Cooper's: El Cid.
Cox's: Cleopatra and Tacitus.
Cotton's: Fletcherite, Harald, and Monroe.
Dawson's: John; Centaur, Chrysomster, Earl of Derby, Mazeppa, Mount Palatine, and Warwick.
Dawson's, Joseph: Artisan, Macdonald, Othello, and The Rector.
Dawson's, Mat: Bezelbehub, Killigrankie, Lady Violet, My Hobby, The Primate, and The Student.
Dawson's, Tom: The Czar, Messmate, Murillo, and The Stabber.
Days, Alfred: Lecturer, and Salisbury.
Days, John: Adelphi, and the Prince, Blue Riband, Ceylon, Glen-dale, Great Palatine, Jack in the Green, King Hal, Mrs. Day, Rattler, Royal Trainer, Stockbridge, and Victoria.
Day's, William: Accountant, Effervescence, Egerton, Jolly Dog Leaf Sugar, Marborough, Newminster colt, out of Miss Lavina, Pepperpot, Promised Land colt, out of Dodona, Promised Land out of Ruthie High, Promised Land colt, out of Traducer's dam, Short Wool, the Spy, St. Albans' colt, out of Dorvalice, Star-Gazer, and Teddie colt, out of Fortune Teller.
Dover's: Lord Lyon and Split the Difference.
Dowling's: King, Giant, Gladiator, and Schoolboy.
Drayton's: Bay Dayroy, General Lee (by Weatherbit), Lord Craven, and Stilton (by Idle Boy).
France, trained privately in: Bellissaire, Maravedis, Stilton (by Fitz-Gladiator), and Wildlair.
Gibert's: Claverhouse, Corsair, and Salsklin.
Goater's, Honny: Abergele, the Chao, Mephistopholes, Monk of Avon, and the Stinger.
Goater's, William: Crown Prince, Denmark, D. V., Hazelden, London, and the Viking.
Goddings': James: Brother to Bird on the Wing colt, out of Red Roy.
Hobson's: Dan, Brother to Bird on the Wing colt, born at Melbourne, the Nutter, Toxophilite colt, damby Gamboay, Young Melbourne colt, dam by Paddington, and Young Melbourne colt, out of The Rescued.
Golly's: Orange Boy.
Goodwin's: Laneret.
Griffiths': Haworth, Maroyas colt, out of Augusta, Master Robert, Monarch of the Glen, and Newminster colt, out of Barego.
Holland's: Hulden.
Hayhoe's, J.: Daleman, Janitor, Lothario, Robin Hood (by North Lincoln), and Tomahawk.
Hayhoe, junior's, J.: Gazon, La Dauphine, Sir Rowland and Whity.
Holman's: Ancient Briton colt, out of Oddity.
Hopkins': Lochiel and Regent.
Hopwood's: The Damnebrog, and King of France.
Panson's, B.: Tom Tit.
Panson's, W.: Declaration (late Andrew Marvell) and Punster.
Panson's, W., trained privately in: Bullshock, Tom Kleg, and Viscount.
Patterson's: The Aristocrat, Phineas, Raven, and Scouerous.
King's: Birnam Wood.
Land: Juba Dam.
Lyte's, T.: Jun: Blimarc, Kingisher, Saucy Boy, and Windhound colt, out of Jetty Trefz.
Martin's, W.: Maurice.
May's, W. H.: Cubitus, Eesa, Freedom, Gondolier, and Prince of Wales.
Wright's: Abingdon, J. C., Belzoni, Gambler, Marshal Ney, and Nutrition.
Oldring's: The Bill.
Osborn's: Theobald, and Tramp Card.
Peek's: Alderott, Caithness, and Grand Master.
Porter's: The Cuthbush, Sans Si, and Wolsey.
Price's, P.: Belmontine, and Kilbarney.
Prince's, J.: Ellington colt, out of Phaid.
Parr's, H.: Lucifer, Redan, Revange, and Woolwich.
Reeves': Ambius, and Zin-gyni.
Raynor: Junior's: Hornad.
Sack's: John: Cesar, Brutus, Knight of the Crescent, Knight of St. Michael, and Westward.
Scott, W. H.: Grossvrouw, out of Palm Leaf.
Smith's, W.: The Poor.
Stephenson's, T.: Jolly Jack, and Stockwell colt, out of Sister to Willingham.
Stevens', T.: Statesman.
Taylor's, Alex.: Overtonian, Staghound, Stockwell colt, out of Bribery, and Wild Dayroll colt, out of Intimidation.
Taylor's, Tom: Northumberland.
Treas': Harefield.
Waddow's: Argyl, Conundrum, Konilworth, King of Spades, The Sailor (by Lord of the Isles), The Oracle, Spörisman, and St. Edmund's, out of Eugenie.

Walker's, T.: Spokesman.

Watson's: Antigone, Bob Chambers, and Strathcoan.

Waugh's: Hurraun, Kinglake, Maoi Chief, and The Sailor (by Stockwell).

Woolcot's: The Arrow, King Christian, Langham, and Ropley.

The New Year will be ushered in with the usual steeple-chase sports at Stretford, near Manchester, and there is sure to be a large muster of the northern bookmen. There will be an interesting

afternoon's racing; and we have a notion that the hurdle race will be won by either ACOLYTE or the BEAU; the City Steeplechase by PATIENCE or SIL FOX; and the Trial Handicap by the ABBOTT or DERMOT ASTHORE.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

WHAT shall we say of the year we are about to bury to-morrow? We have nothing to chronicle with enthusiasm, but shall we, on the other hand, set down a record of regrets? Power of mercy, forbid! Since sorrow is the lot of man, it is as well to treat our blighted hopes, our gathering cares and dying ambitions, with philosophical indifference, and pass to the future. A bilious gentleman wrote that "There is nothing new, and nothing true, and that it don't much better"; and if we could set ourselves to work by this comfortable theory, we might very readily look back with indifference and look forward with a supercilious smile; but unhappily or happily, as the reader pleases, there are things now, there are things true, and it matters considerably; and so it is necessary that we set ourselves down to the task of scanning over this dying year, and of looking boldly into the one so near at hand. Primarily then, let us say that the last twelve months must be looked upon as satisfactory in the annals of civilized nations. That terrific strife that raged so fiercely at this season last year on the other side of the Atlantic has ended, and if we except one or two minor struggles that scarcely excited attention, the whole world is at peace, and slavery is dead. This is a glorious item to chronicle, and, thank Heaven, its joyous effect is not marred by any event calculated to throw a gloom over us. True, we have lost some men whom we had grown to look upon as necessary to the well-being of Europe, the most conspicuous being King LEOPOLD and Lord PALMERSTON, but we still observe that the political mirror reflects an unruined surface, and that things move much as they were wont. Time seems to have passed when individual men of mark could produce any serious impression on the councils of nations. That advancing power, Public Opinion, seems to have the potent voice now, and the march of intelligence gives to the million the sway once exercised by a great man in office. No one can regret it. At home we can look upon a picture of peace and prosperity; and had not the Rinderpest made such sad havoc with our herds, we should have but little cause to complain. Trade is flourishing in its general content, and we have escaped that horrible scourge, the Crimea, which has brought so much misery to the Continent. London's distress is now completely a thing of the past, and we appear to be entering a most blissful epoch. To come closer home, we can look upon those branches of the business of life to the interests of which this Journal is specially devoted with unmixed satisfaction. The drama and the health-giving sports of Old England never flourished more cheerfully. It seems to us that the most rapid way of realising a fortune is to open an elegant theatre or music-hall. We look in vain for any indication of want of success in any of our metropolitan establishments. Since last Christmas all the theatres had an extraordinary run of good luck. Pieces, and truth to tell, very bad pieces, have hit the public very hard at most of the west-end houses, and "unparalleled runs" have quite come. On the spot where stood the old Surrey Theatre a gorgeous new edifice has been reared, and the little oven, known as the "sandwich," has given place to one of the most tasteful and best ventilated theatres in London, and both have been opened with *éclat*. Mr. STRANGAN has worked wonders at the Alhambra, now one of the most complete and elegant places of entertainment in Europe, and the Oxford Music Hall and Mr. GERMAN REED are to be congratulated for introducing to the British public the most "popular" music of the century—that of OFFENBACH. Drury Lane has been true to its traditions, and has revived Shakespearian pieces with great magnificence. The Standard has too allied itself to the legitimate drama in an unimitatable manner. No old favourites have been taken from us, but the last twelve months have established among us several new ones. There is Mr. JEFFERSON, at the Adelphi, an actor of rare ability; Mr. DOMINICK MURRAY, of the Princess's, a man of sterling talent; Mr. JAMES STOYLE, of the Strand, one of the best character actors of the day; and Messrs. HARE and BARCROFT, of the Prince of Wales's, who have established most enviable names, by their admirably graceful and anti-conventional styles. But where are the playwrights? It would appear that they do not "jerop up" very frequently, for, with the exception of Mr. REECE, we note no new name in the list of dramatic authors. Mr. REECE has written the libretto of a little opera and a burlesque for the New Royal, and both are successes. We congratulate Mr. REECE, the more especially as the only one who presents himself for congratulation. The old familiar names appear to but few noteworthy productions, and it appears that our dramatic authors are taking a good long rest upon their ears. Of course the pantomimes of this year exceed those of all other years, and by turning over our pages this week the reader will see what a long list of unequalled treats there is waiting to be discussed. And now come our sports. What have we to say about them? Simply that they wear their usual healthy aspect. Cant has not killed them. Bigotry cannot suppress them; they go as merrily as heretofore, and the statistics of the year will prove how widely the love of equine sport is spreading. At home it is developing the most gigantic proportions, and abroad we see it making its appearance wherever there is a bit of green turf to be adapted for the purpose. Aquatics have been a most prominent feature of the year, and the defeat of CHAMBERS by KELLEY mark an epoch in rowing. Pedestrianism has lost one of its most enthusiastic promoters in poor MARTIN, but the year has been made extraordinary by several unexampled contests. The Ring is on its trial, and so it may be as well to say nothing of it until the coming ordeal is passed. The Cricket season was not altogether satisfactory, it was impossible to mark any diminution in the interest taken in the game. Other sports have all been well partronised, and if we cannot announce the appearance of any new stars we can congratulate the old performers on their efforts—efforts which have brought to a successful issue the season of 1865. And now for this coming year! Shall it not be a brilliant one? It is said so, and rumour hints that the QUEEN herself will lead a season which she has expressed a hope may be a truly gay one. This is heavy news, and is of itself a fine omen for the New Year. As far as human discernment can divine, we may look forward to a downright happy and prosperous New Year, for there no cloud, not even a speck to dim the horizon, and so, let us rub out our old cares from the tables of our minds and learn to look hopefully, trustfully, into the future! Hailo our theme ends, but before dropping the pen we will make it snap the words:

A HAPPY NEW YEAR,

and this blessing we wish our readers with all our hearts. It is an old conventional wish and is much abused, but we utter it sincerely and in the clap-trap, matter-of-course style of some journalists, who dip their pen in gall all the year round and seek to rub out the bitterness they have spread by dropping a little honey at the season of peace and good will.

CHARGE RUCINO.—The bolus of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, having been most skilfully repaired by Messrs. May, were worn Monday formally opened by eight members of the ancient Society of College Youths, who achieved an excellent goal of grandissime triples, containing 5,040 changes, in three hours and two minutes. The performers:—G. S. Shaw, treble; H. Hale, 3rd; R. Jameson, 3rd; N. Elder, 4th; G. Ferris, 5th; R. Naworth, 6th; M. A. Wood, 7th; and J. Dwight, tenor. Weight of tenor, 19 cwt. The pen was Mr. Holt's, one part with two doubles in the last four leads. Conducted by M. N. Hale.

AQUATICS.

THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL MATCH BETWEEN KELLEY AND HAMILL.

The New York *Clipper* of the 16th inst., which we have just received, inserts Kelley's reply to the challenge of Hamill, the American Champion. We are not at present in possession of Hamill's answer, but trust that he will accept one or more of the races proposed by Kelley, the purport of whose reply was worded as follows:—

"Harry Kelley, of Putney, has read in the *New York Clipper* a challenge from James Hamill, which he so far accepts, as follows:—That Harry Kelley will row James Hamill five miles straight ahead on one day, and two miles and one half to a finish, and two miles and one half return on the following day, for £250 each side; or he will row Hamill five miles straight ahead only, or two miles and one half to a stake boat and two miles and one half return, for £250. The race or races must come off over the English Championship Course, on the river Thames, between Putney and Barker's walls, and Kelley will allow Hamill £100 for his expenses of visiting this country. As a proof that Kelley is in earnest, he has already staked £250 to make a match on the above conditions. If his offer be not accepted, Kelley does not wish for more paper war, and he will not, therefore, take further notice of any future challenge emanating from Hamill."

The *New York Clipper* endeavours to find fault with Kelley's very reasonable proposal, as follows:—"Without wishing to influence Hamill in any way, we would remark that not only does Kelley decline to row Hamill in this country, but he does not accept the latter's offer, as made, to row in England. It will be seen from Hamill's card that, in agreeing to row the match in England, he (Hamill) stipulated that he should be allowed the privilege of choosing the course there. This, it will be seen, Kelley altogether ignores, and makes it an express condition, before he will row Hamill even on British waters, that 'the race or races must come off over the English Championship Course, on the river Thames.' This, to say the least of it, is an unfair condition. Kelley knows every course in England; he understands the currents of each, the usual condition of the waters of

rowing stem and stern, but after leaving that place, Forrest drew and, as far as my memory serves, was three miles in front, and won by five or six lengths. Hamill could not plunkly. The above two matches were rowed in Harry Clasper's open boats.

FOUR-OARED RACE.—The four-oared scratch race, among members of the Northern Rowing Club, was the next event, and most interest seemed to be attached to it. The distance was half a mile, and for the prizes of the club there were five crowns offered. No. 1 and 2 oars came out for the first heat, and a very good race resulted in No. 1—William Similes, J. Gallon, James Stephenson, and H. Oldland; J. Gallon (cox.) defeating their opponents—Peter, J. Wilson, Charles Smith, Edward Best, and W. Moore. W. Wilson (cox.) in the eighth, No. 3 and 4 crew came forward for the second heat, and a splendid race resulted in No. 3 crew landing first by a half a length. No. 4 crew led from the start, and appeared in every way likely to maintain their position to the finish, but when within 100 yards from home they were overtaken by No. 3, who passed them, and won by the distance stated. No. 3 crew consisted of J. Blenkinsopp, George Wakelold, J. Best, and J. Baker; W. Brunel (cox.); and the fourth crew of Ben Forbes, T. Pape, Thomas Wilson, and R. West; W. Bagnall (cox.). The 5th crew—R. Haldon, J. Roy, B. Cook, and Standart; W. Brunel (cox.)—also rowed well for the next heat. Nos. 3 and No. 4 crews were drawn together. They made a very good race, but No. 4 eventually got the advantage, and won by a very short distance. No. 1 and No. 5 crews then came together, and, as generally expected, No. 5 crew won almost as they liked.

YACHTING INTELLIGENCE.—The Destiny sloop has arrived at Malta from Cephallenia. The Ariel, Mr. John Arthur, one of the fleet of the Paris Regatta Society, gained two prizes during the past season, viz., at Argenteuil, May 21; and at Rouen, Aug. 6.

HENRY CLEMENTS, in reply to J. A. Caffin's challenge, begs to state that as he never was in a match outrigger he cannot accommodate him, but he has a friend yelot Tom Wise whom he will match to row Caffin for match outriggers from Putney to Mortlake, for £50, £100, or as much more as Caffin can procure, either in spring, summer, autumn, or winter. A deposit to make this match always ready at either of his "boasting" houses.

appended, it will be seen that Mr. Wilson won, killing all; Mr. Archer taking second, killing five; while Messrs. S. B. Moore, Scott, and Williams tied for third prize, killing four each, and divided.

Score:—

	Yds rise.
17 ... Archer.....	0 1 1 0 0 1 1
18 ... Gardner.....	0 1 0 1 0 1 1
18 ... S.S.	1 1 1 0 0 0 1
19 ... Tee	0 1 0 1 0 0
21 ... Harfield	0 0 0 0
19 ... Smythe	1 0 0 0 1 0
17 ... Scott	0 0 0 0
19 ... White	0 0 0 0
21 ... Hamill	0 0 0 0
20 ... Edwards	1 1 0 0 0 0 0
19 ... James	1 0 1 0 0 0

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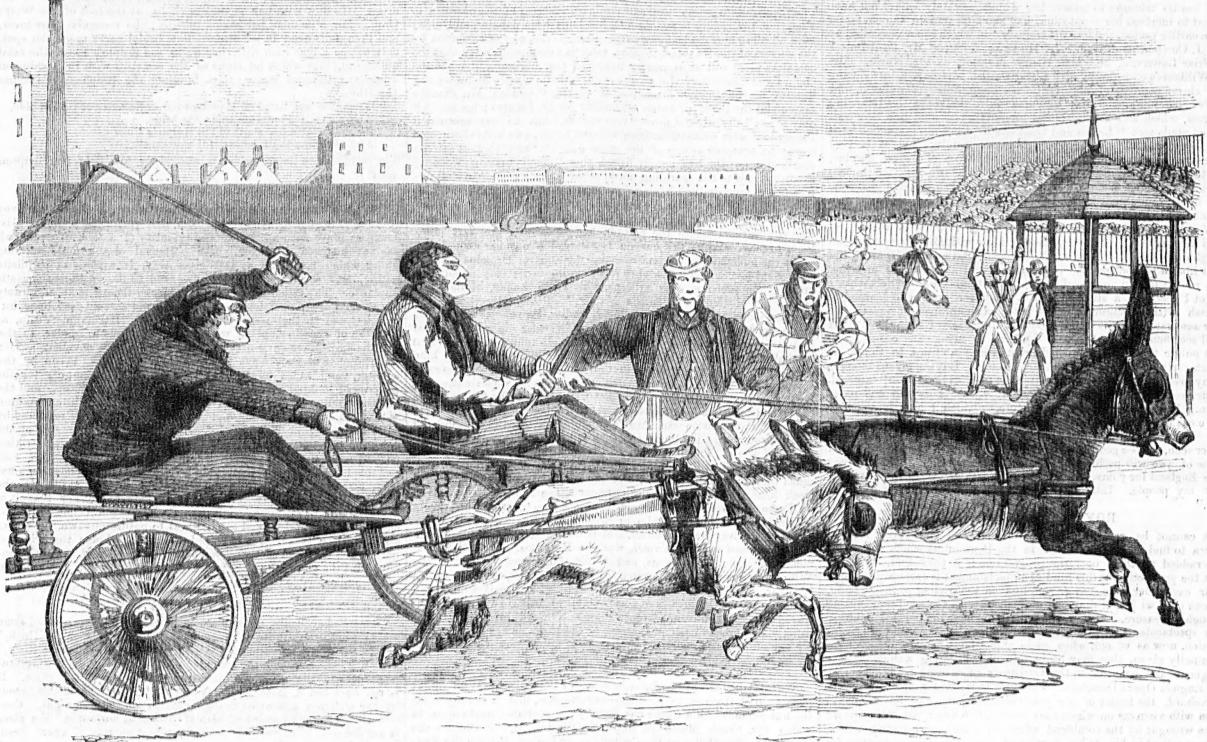
Two matches stand for decision at the Copshaghon-grounds, Manchester, J. Hardinge's Castle Inn, and at Mount of Aspall, meet on New Year's Day to shoot at 15 pds each for £20, commencing at one o'clock; and next Tuesday, J. D. Hurst, of Preston and J. Gaske of Standish, shoot at 25 pigeons each, for £50; the first bird to be trapped at noon. Mr. Thomas Hayes is stakeholder.

BIRMINGHAM.

PIGEON MATCH.—A match was shot off on Friday, December 21, at Mr. Hardinge's Castle Inn, between Mr. J. Hardinge, between Mr. Collins (who recently won the Challenge Silver Cup), and Mr. Harding, the proprietor of the inn, for the cup and £25 a side, it being one of the articles that the winner of the cup should be open to all challenges for £20 and his prize, for twelve months. The conditions were 1 oz shot, Hardinge 21 yds rise, and Collins 20, and 90 yds boundaries, to shoot at nine pigeons each. Mr. Butler, of Prince's end, stakeholder, was appointed referee. The score was as follows:—

Collins.....	0 0 0 0 1 1 1—3
Warding.....	1 1 0 1 1 1—6

Collins' chance being out the contest was not pursued.



NAPPER'S CELEBRATED MOKE, BLACKY, winning the great race at Bow.

SHOOTING.

HORNSEY WOOD.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23.—The proprietors, Mrs. St. Ones, in inaugurating the Christmas sports, liberally presented a £5 note to be shot for, added to a sweepstakes of 10s. each, but the attendance was not by any means so large, as might have been expected, nor the number of shooters either; still, thirteen entered to contend for the prize, the conditions being five pigeons each, from five traps (handcapped), 1½ oz of shot, use of both barrels. The second, however, was almost useless, but the shooter who had discharged the first barrel, so far as I can see, thus absolved, went away. The money was divided into three prizes of £7, £3, and 21 10s., and after a keen contest, Messrs. Berkley Gardner, and Moore divided. Three handicaps, at three birds each, were also shot, Captain Welcome taking the first and third, Mr. Berkley the second. Score:—

Yds rise.	
25...Mr. Berkley	1 1 0 1 1...0 ...1 1 1...0
25...Mr. Wilson	0 1 0 ...1 1 0...0 1 1 1 1 0
25...Mr. Free	0 1 1 0...0 ...1 0 ...0 0
25...Captain Welcome	0 1 0 ...1 1 1 0...0 ...1 1 1 1 1 0
25...Mr. Panton	0 1 0 ...0 ...1 1 0 ...1 0 ...1 0
25...Mr. Gardner	1 0 1 1 1
25...Mr. Smythe	0 1 1 0
27...Mr. Moore	1 1 1 1 0
25...Mr. S. S.	0 0 0
25...Mr. White	0 1 1 1 0
24...Mr. Harris	0 1 0
24...Mr. G. G.	0 1 0
25...Mr. James	1 0 1 0

A Crown Sweepstakes followed, by seven competitors, to shoot a three pigeons each, who were handicapped with the following result:—

Yds.	
21. Mr. J. Harding	1 1 1—1 1
21. Mr. W. Nurse.....	1 1 1—1 0
19. Mr. J. Collins.....	1 1 0
21. Mr. Bennett.....	0
18. Mr. Butler	0
17. Mr. Woodhall	0
17. Mr. W. Harding	0

Messrs. Harding and Nurse shot admirably, and having made a tie, agreed to shoot bird for bird, when Mr. Harding's star was again in the ascendant.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO BE SHOT FOR.—On Monday, January 1, at Mr. R. W. Jewison's, Pike and Anchor Tavern, Ponder's End, Middlesex, a fine home-fed fat pig, value £3, will be given, free to be shot for by an unlimited number of shooters; the winner can receive the pig or money. The shooters will be handicapped according to merit, and will be required to shoot five pigeons each, double guns, no use of one barrel, 1½ oz shot, 50 yards boundary, H and T traps. Shooting at one o'clock precisely. Hammond supplies birds. Trays hovey Shoreditch at 9.30, 10.30, and 12.30.

A FAT PIG TO BE SHOT FOR.—Mr. J. Hallion, Sportsman Inn, Newton, Leeds, will give a 20 stone pig to be shot for by members, at 10s. each, on Monday, January 1, at five birds each. The entries, to be made as above, will remain open till twelve o'clock on the day; first bird to be trapped at once. The winner can have the pig or £10. Plenty of best blue rocks on hand.

RAILWAY COMMERCIAL INN, WALSALL.—On Friday last, the match between Messrs. Harding and Chalk, to shoot at nine pigeons each, for a beautifully-chased silver challenge cup (originally given by the former gentleman, and last week won by the latter, after a spirited contest with a number of the crack shots of the district) attracted a large and intelligent attendance. The results were:—One doz. shot, Mr. Harding's bird to have 21 yards' rise, and Mr. Chalk his 20 yards, 60 yards boundary. In addition to the cup, the match

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each, &c., while Hamill, on the contrary, knows nothing about them. In proposing to meet Kelley here, Hamill did not confine him to any named course, but offered him the privilege of selecting a course after his arrival here. Why could not Kelley have been equally liberal? Surely the advantages will be all in his favour, no matter where the race takes place. We do not know what Hamill may have to say to Kelley's proposal, as he is at present in Pittsburgh; it is probable that an answer will be sent him by the *New York Clipper*, until which time we shall defer any further remark upon the subject."

With reference to these remarks we can only repeat the old statement that the Championship of England—or rather, the world—is and always has been rowed upon the Thames, and that the course is the best that could be found. Why a great race of this kind should come off at Newcastle or elsewhere while the Thames is ready for the purpose we are unable to imagine. As to Kelley's superior knowledge of the river Thames, Hamill, when he comes, will doubtless find a trustworthy informant, and be willing to put him up to all the specialties of the course, as Kelley himself did to Green when that colonial aspirant came here to row Chambers. We hope to hear by next mail news of Hamill's acceptance of Kelley's conditions, and that the match is likely to progress satisfactorily.

WILD V. SMITH.—The first of the matches took place a few minutes before nine o'clock, and was between Martin Wild, of Newcastle, and William Smith, of Dumston, who pulled from the High-level Bridge to Waterson's Gates, a distance of one mile, for £5 a side. Smith led from the start, and, by pursuing an even course on the north side for the first half-mile, got so far ahead that the remainder of the distance proved a mere walk over, and he won by half-a-dozen lengths.

BRUNEL V. FORREST.—The second race was between Thomas Brunel and Benjamin Forrest, both of Newcastle, who met to row two miles for a similar amount. Brunel, who is sixteen years of age, got the north side. To the Skinker Burn there was a capital race

for a handsome gold watch, given by Mrs. Stones, added to a sweepstakes of 10s. each, to be divided into second and third prizes. Twenty-one entered to contend, and were handicapped from 21 to 17 yards' rise, the conditions being seven sparrow bows, 1½ oz. of shot, double guns, the use of one barrel only. The birds supplied by Barber were very good, making the score much below the average. From the return

was for £15 a-side. Soon after two o'clock, an adjournment was made to a field hard by, and Mr. Collins having won the toss at once aimed his gun, but his bird, a clipper, got away with "flying colours," adir his three next. Mr. Harding, more fortunate, dropped his two first, and the third, and scored the four next, thus winning the match as submitted.

Mr. Collins 0 0 0 0 1 1 1-3
Mr. Harding 1 1 0 1 1 1 1-6

Mr. Butler, Prince's End, Tipton, was referee. Betting opened at 6 to 4 on Harding, but, after the first two birds, any reasonable odds were obtainable. Following the above, a crown "sweep" was entered into by seven competitors, at birds each. Score :-

Yds' rise.	Yds' rise.
21...Mr. J. Harding.....	1 1 1-1 1
21...Mr. W. Nurse.....	1 1 1-1 0
19...Mr. J. Collins.....	1 1 0
21...Mr. Bennett.....	0

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—On Thursday and Friday last, the tenants on the Chippenham estate enjoyed, by the kind permission of Morgan Vand, Esq., the liberty of shooting pheasants, partridges, and pigeons, though there were very plentiful, and the result of the two days' sport was a bag of 113 brace, which were distributed among the farmers and tradesmen in the village. The squire joined two party on the second day, and, with his usual liberality, sent a supply of sherry and cigars, to which ample justice was done by the sportsmen, and many and hearty were the wishes expressed for the happiness and continued residence amongst them of himself and his amiable lady.

CURIOS RIFLE MATCH.—There has been a curious rifle match in Canada. It was between four men, two of whom were abstainers from liquor, and the temperance men vanquished their opponents by three points. The match has resulted in the following challenge:—"Ten men who partake of liquors and tobacco will be present, and a number of temperance men who do not indulge in the use of tobacco, or, if these cannot be procured, the challenge is open to temperance men who smoke. This challenge is given by drinkers and smokers, who will be happy to contest the matter by receiving ten days' notice."

MESSRS. DAVIS AND DUFTON.—At the Victoria Club, on Thursday evening, Mr. George Davis and Mr. William Dufton played a match at billiards, 10 to 10 being the sum total of the game. After a brilliant play on both sides, Mr. Davis won by 120, the exact number of points given. The winner was in wonderful form, and played with consummate steadiness and coolness. Mr. Dufton was also great at times, but somehow or other the Fates were against him, and he missed pulling off some of the grandest coups when everyone, till the balls ceased rolling, thought success certain.

HUNTING.

The once celebrated huntsman Tom Ball died last week. In early life he was with foxhounds, but his fame was at its height when he "hunted stag" for Baron Rothschild. For some years past he had kept an inn and hunting stables at Leighton Buzzard. Few men, if any, could beat him over the doublets of the Vale of Aylesbury, especially if he had a good horse and a good master. The stag he named was the hero of his celebrated evitt jump, and died under him one day, just as the hounds were laid on to their stag. His manner of throwing himself far back in his saddle when he took a fence was very peculiar. We believe that he was still under fifty, and it will be fully fifty years more ere his riding, either with hounds or in farmers' steeple-chases, will be forgotten in the Vale.—*Illustrated News*.

SHORT HINTS FOR CRICKETERS FROM THE ANTIPODES.

We have received our files of Sydney papers. As our own countrymen on the other side of the world, are now in the height of the cricket season, we give the following excellent hints, extracted from *Bell's Life in Sydney*, which our cricketers at home may study over the Christmas fire, while their Australian brethren are enjoying the "noble game" on the green award of their adopted country!—

BRIGANDESSES.

Here I discovered that five of the band were brigandesses. They were dressed exactly like the men, and their hair was cut short, the only difference in their clothing being small boned articles which I believe they had adopted, and imitated none of those sanguinary and savage character which I had always imagined to belong to brigandines. All five were part of the goods and chattels of their respective masters. They were considered all as the *ultime compagnie* of the band; they had no share in ransom money, and were often beaten and ill-treated by their lords. Two of them carried guns, and the other three revolvers. Two were tall, fine, strong, young women, the third had a melancholy thin face, but the largest oval eyes I had ever seen; the fourth was an ugly sulky girl, who always appeared to refuse food or anything offered to her; and the fifth was a very small, black, wrinkled old woman, who was taken, Don Francesco and his cousin Tommasino, was a shriveling young woman of about nineteen years old, with a very good figure and handsome features, a pretty smile, and splendid teeth. She and her husband were both very greedy, and always managed to secure a double share of food, which made them very unpopular, and were eventually the cause of Pepino being deposed from his office of captain. She would sometimes give us coffee, but always refused us any of the fine wine which she always had in her pocket. I often wondered how it was that she was courageous enough to give me a capote or hood of blue cloth, which she did during our night's march of the 19th, but after six weeks I found out that it belonged to Cerino, who, to my grief, came to claim it when his band parted from



THE GREAT DONKEY RACE ON BOXING DAY.—Preparing for the start.

BILLIARDS.

The second billiard handicap at the Peacock, Islington, of thirty-two members, at 6s each, for a silver cup, was finished on Saturday evening. The following were the players:—

FIRST DRAW.

Points.	Points.
T. Lay.....	48 ... beat ... J. Williams.....
Summers.....	35 ... n. M'Intyre.....
J. Davis.....	30 ... n. E. Davis.....
Bord.....	44 ... n. W. Gilling.....
Woods.....	0 ... n. S. Wilder.....
Bristo.....	48 ... n. G. Pets.....
Pearcy.....	55 ... n. Groom.....
Lowe.....	50 ... n. ...
Phillips.....	40 ... n. Wiggins.....
Parsons.....	8 ... n. walked over
Marks.....	48 ... n. walked over
Goodwin.....	18 ... n. Corbett.....
Dr. Simpson ..	0 ... n. walked over
Simpson, jun.	18 ... n. Dorroll.....
Stanford.....	38 ... n. Noddy.....
T. Lucas.....	32 ... n. T. Green.....

The majority of the first round were well-contested games, and won only by one or two points, although odds were laid in several instances.

SECOND DRAW.

Simpson, jun., beat T. Lay	Lucas beat Pearcy
Summers beat Marks	Wood beat Parsons
J. Davis beat Phillips	Lowe beat Dr. Simpson
Goodwin beat Board	Bristo beat over

THIRD DRAW.

Summers beat J. Davis	Lowe beat Woody
Goodwin beat Simpson, jun.	Bristo beat Lucas

FOURTH DRAW.

Summers beat Goodwin	Lucas beat Bristo
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DECIDING DRAW.

Mr. Summers beat Mr. Lowe,	and won the cup.
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2 to 1 was laid on each in the course of the game.

AT THE WICKET.

On going to the wicket, mark carefully the position of the fields, so that you may know if there is a run the instant you strike the ball.

When at the bowler's wicket follow up the ball, but not before it leaves the bowler's hand; and also taking care not to advance beyond each inch of your ground, as soon as the ball is played back.

Never run for a hit unless there is a chance of getting it.

The proper person to call the run is the one who has to reach the wicket in danger—that is the striker for a hit in front of the wicket, or the opposite player for a hit behind the wicket.

When once the run is called, there must not be the slightest pause or hesitation; you must never refuse to run unless prevented from starting by slipping or otherwise. A run can be made for almost any hit by fast runners who understand each other.

In running keep your own ride; do not run past your wicket, but turn at once so as to be ready in case of an overthrow.

Never, by word or gesture, appear to question the umpire's decision.

IN THE FIELD.

On crossing to your place, and when the bowler is about to deliver the ball, glance at the Captain for any direction he might give to give.

Carefully watch the play of each batter, and place yourself so as to defeat his favourite hit. You will thus save time and trouble to the Captain.

When the batter is in the act of striking, take a step forward, or in the direction the ball is likely to go. By this you overcome the inertia of your body, and lose no time in starting.

Never wait for a ball hit towards you along the ground. By dashing in and quick throwing, you may surprise the batter with an unexpected run out.

Never hold the ball, but return it to the nearest wicket immediately when held, if possible, with the same action.

Be careful to throw in the ball as straight as possible, and at the height of the balls. On the hop is not allowable from the long field, and then it must be a hop of at least a dozen yards.

If you are placed to save the one run, keep as far out as you can without allowing a stolen run for a slow hit.

Never interfere with another field; the nearest is the proper one to the field ball. Never run a race after a long hit. If the ball is hit

Manzo's. This capote was the greatest comfort at night. I always tied a cotton handkerchief which they gave me round my head, and then drew on his hood of double cloth half over my face, keeping off all wind and wet. Carmina belonged to Giuseppe, a good-looking man, with red fuzzy hair of prodigious length; he was the dandy of the band, and had the reputation of being rich, that is, of possessing 4,000 ducats. Many were the rings and gold chains on their persons and arms, and particularly on the hands; on some grand occasions it was necessary to draw out a little tin box, and then lay it open for every one to see the wealth they contained. Carmina was very good natured, and would nearly always give me any food she could spare. Maria was the sulky girl. She hardly ever spoke to anybody, and when they addressed her, a nod or a shake of the head was all the response she would deign to give; she would never give me anything, or do anything for me. Antonina was the lotus-eyed damsel. She possessed a cheerful disposition, and was always willing to do anything she could for me in a kindly way. She attached herself to Giuseppe Salvatore, who fully repaid her affection. Many a time, when food was very scarce, and we had nothing to eat, I considered that all was fair in war, and never lost an opportunity of securing whatever I could lay my hands on. Many a time I endeavoured to impress on them that, as an Englishman, I required double the quantity that would suffice for them, but I regret to say that this had little effect, except in giving them the idea that I had an insatiable appetite. Concetta belonged to Cleco Giango, and was very similar in disposition to Maria. All these women had about them a great deal of gold ornaments, and silk of various hues, as well as bits of cloth, and they were always ready to give me whatever that were useful; and when a fresh supply of handkerchiefs (or mugs) arrived, they would sit all together, and steadily work away till they were done. During a thunder-storm they would always cease working—out of some religious feeling—and at every clang of thunder cross themselves. Sunday was the same as other days as regarded working. I tried to explain to them that they should rest from labour that day, but always without effect.

J. HETWELL (ROCHDALE), AND T. THIRKELL (DURHAM).—This 300 yards spin for £20 odds on Jan. 29, goes on all right. £20 has been deposited with Mr. J. Holden, and the rights must be forthcoming to-day.

THEATRES CONTINUED.

DRURY LANE.

The Pantomime of Messrs. E. L. Blanchard and William Beverley—for a combination of the talents of those gentlemen is essentially requisite for the due concoction of a Drury Lane Christmas pie—may be pronounced a new success added to the already long list of their great successes. Little King Pippin, or Hartland Fortunatus and the Magic Purse, and Wishing Cap" is one of the most popular pieces in point of construction, Mr. Blanchard has yet produced. He has, as the title implies, wedged two stories. The first scene introduces the spectator to the Temple of Mammon, the deity of which (Mr. Henry Drayton) is surrounded by a crowd of valets. The goddess Fortune pays him a visit, and bestows upon him the gift of the Inexhaustible Purse, with the view of giving it to Fortunatus, one of her own worshippers, and testing the question whether happiness is purchasable with gold. In this scene Mammon sings exultantly a song in praise of money. The scene which follows is called "The Haunt of Fancy," on the summit of Mount Olympus. An enormous rock is represented, down the side of which a long procession of fairies, picturesquely clad, descend, the action including a grand ballet, led by Miss Clara Morgan. The story of Fortunatus thus commences. The father of the hero, Out-alto (Mr. G. Belmore), is an unsuccessful merchant trading at Famagosta, in the Island of Cyprus. Under the hard necessities of their distressing case, he and his wife Olympia (Miss G. Weston) are compelled to turn the most menial offices of their poverty-stricken household, and provoke a much-needed laughter by their genuinely pantomimical mode of doing it. Out-alto has just cleaned his door-steps, and washed his face with a mop, when his son, Fortunatus (Miss Augusta Thompson), comes from his studies at the College of Cyprus, and, on hearing how matters stand at home, wishes to take service under the Duke of Flanders, Bras de Foo (Mr. F. Brash), whose shop happens to be in the port, undergoing repair; but Bras de Foo declines to have anything to do with him. At that moment King Pippin (Master Percy Roselle), with the magic Wishing Cap on his head, appears by his side, and, being badly in want of cash, offers to sell him the magic cap, which will enable him to overcome all difficulties of time and space. The present of the Inexhaustible Purse, now given him by Fortune (Miss E. Falconer), permits him to make the purchase. King Pippin returns to his court, composed of some two hundred children, but finds his courtiers, who have been contented enough while comparatively poor, become rebellious under the influence of the riches he showers upon them by means of the magic purse. Fortunatus and his wife themselves a thousand miles away, and the magic wishing-cap, in an instant, transports them to Flanders, to the Court of Bras de Foo. There Fortunatus finds that a tournament is to be held, at which the prize is to be the Duke's daughter, Agraphina (Miss Rose Lecherie), and determines to enter the lists in the hope of winning her. Unfortunately, his father and mother in their poverty, have entered the Duke's household as servants, and recognize him openly. Bras de Foo refuses to give his daughter to the son of two of his own maids, but with a turn of the wishing-cap Fortunatus, King Pippin, now becomes his page and the fair Agraphina are carried through the clouds towards the last, and of course, most splendid scene, the "Fairy Factory of the Wheels of Fortune." This is precisely one of these dreamlike splendours of the stage, for which Mr. William Beverley seems to have a special creative faculty, and of which no written description can give anything like a satisfactory impression. On its first exhibition it was received with a perfect storm of applause, the painter being enthusiastically called upon the stage, as he had been for the earlier scenes of "The Haunt of Fancy." The acting of the introduction was in the highest degree excellent, as might have been expected, from the actors engaged in its presentation. As King Pippin, Master Percy Roselle, in particular, played with extraordinary dramatic power, in fact, like a highly accomplished actor seen through the medium of a diminishing glass. The harlequinade, sustained by Messrs. Harry Bolson and C. Laird, as clowns, W. A. Barnes and J. Morris, as Pantaloons, Mr. Cormode and S. Staville, as harlequins, and Madames Bolano and Laura Morgan, as columbines, is full of fun, and carried on with spirit, proves highly amusing to the younger part of the audience. The masks and dresses, as usual from the designs of Mr. R. Keene, are comic to the extreme, and equal to any hitherto produced from the same prob's store of invention.

ADELPHI.

No novelty of a holiday character was produced here on Boxing Night, but the occasion of Mr. J. L. Toole's return was signified by the performances of a new farce entitled "Behind Time," from the pen of Mr. B. Webster, jun. This little piece, lively in subject and in treatment, achieved a well-merited success. There is not much room to doubt that a French original has suggested at least the plot, in which there is one highly effective situation. The character whose chief peculiarity gives its name to the piece is that of one Mr. Jeremiah Fluke. He is always "behind time," as Mr. Toole (who plays the part) says, "Toole-ate." He has come from America for the express purpose of marrying a young lady, Matilda Jane (Miss A. Staniland), but has not arrived till after the lady unites herself with a cousin of his, Charles Swankey (Mr. B. Russell), highly exalted butler. Not made aware of what has happened, Jeremiah leaves one of Matilda Jane's love-letters on her table, and, of course, it finds its way to the exalted butler, and, of course, serves to make him frantically jealous. Under the influence of many glasses of sherry, Jeremiah, on learning that his Matilda Jane is the wife of another, implores her to fly with him. The exalted butler is heard approaching; Matilda Jane flings through the door, and is soon seen by him, but her dress is clutched by Jeremiah and remains shut in the door. The butler insists on the door being opened, and, at length, bursts it open, whereon Matilda Jane, the wearer of the dress is found to be one Sarah Jane, a friend who has in this way helped her out of the dilemma. The exalted butler is calmed by the representation that the letter, which is really only signed "Jane," has been written by Sarah Jane whom Jeremiah, rather than run the risk of again exciting the butler, consents to marry the more readily, upon discovering that she is an "old dame." In Jeremiah, Mr. Toole has a character in which he can display several phases of his very remarkable power; his farce is full of truth, and never oversteaps the line of licentious allowable, or we should rather say, necessary, to the due presentation of the character from a farcical point of view. Mr. R. Phillips, too, deserves warm praise for the artistic finish of his sketch of the fiery butler. The other parts are neatly played by Miss A. Staniland and Miss Godall. After the performance of "Tip Van Winkle," the Adelphi farce of the "Stoeplechuss," was given, Mr. Toole, as usual, sending the audience into convulsions of laughter.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.

Well satisfied, we suppose, with the success of his two latest burlesques, Mr. H. J. Byron has again gone to the operatic repertoire for a subject, and has chosen the old but ever fresh story of Don Giovanni for his Christmas novelty. The shouts of laughter and howls of delight (literally howl) with which his fantastic treatment of the subject was greeted on Boxing night were proofs positive that he "knew what he was about" when he determined to write "Little Don Giovanni, or Leporelli and the Stone Statue." There was a special advantage in the subject, which, no doubt, weighed heavily on the side of preference, even if there were any objections to be considered. The character of Don Giovanni was exactly such a one as would find a perfect representative in Miss Marie Wilton. In Italian "Don Giovanni"—the "prancer's opera" as Albat Smith christened it, on account of the large number of elderly young ladies—"prancers,"

whom he observed to be always at the theatre on "Don Giovanni" nights—is a story of charming intrigue, as innocuous as one of Madame Danot's fairy tales; but, told in plain English, even the delicious "La ci darem" would very likely taste a little too strong of heartless profligacy to be enjoyable in "mixed society." It needs, therefore, perfectly the exquisite delicacy and refined tact so conspicuous in the burlesque assumptions of Miss Marie Wilton to ensure the rendering of the good-for-nothing, charming, wicked and witty rascal, "without offence." That she succeeds in making Don Giovanni a perfectly presentable personage—and that without sacrificing any of the rockless joyousness that belongs to the character—need scarcely be said to those who are familiar with her acting. She presents perfectly the description of the character given by the author—a pocket edition of Lover, always in debt, in love, in spirits, and invincible." Sure of the treatment which his "dangerous character" would receive, Mr. Byron has not troubled himself to reconstruct the well-known story, except with regard to the disposition of his character, at the end, when the ghost of the Commandante is restored to the ill-fated Donna Elvira (Miss S. Larkin), his wife of long before, but, *al interlin*, the *cara sposa* of Don Giovanni. One entirely original character—and the most prominent in the piece—is that of a Spanish Inspector of Police, played with thorough burlesque gusto by Mr. H. W. Montgomery. The special business of this model representative of all the talents of Scotland Yard is to capture Don Giovanni; but the most he ever succeeds in seizing is a very little street-boy, whom he bears off in great triumph. Leporelli, whom the author describes as "more funny than funny," is played by Mr. J. Clarke with enough of comic vitality to keep the audience in ricks. Zerlina is personated by Mr. Hare, whose "make up" as a Spanish peasant-girl is extremely artistic, and who plays with alternations of gentle simplicity and fiery vehemence that laughably justify the forebodings of her lover, "Masetto" (Miss Fanny Josephs), as to the joys of wedlock with such a bride. Miss Hughes is the "Donna Anna"—Don Pedro's daughter, a lady with a high voice, high breeding, and high temper—in fact, the daughter of a Hi-dalgo. Dolores, Izex, and Terasita are represented by Miss A. Wilton, Miss B. Wilton, and Miss Louise Weston, with charms enough to captivate not only a Spanish Inspector of Police, but a whole division of the "Force"—nay, we will go so far as to say three divisions—the A. B. and L. to wit. Don Pedro, the Commandante, "killed in the first scene, and re-lived in the last," was cleverly played by Mr. Hindle, whose rigidity as the statue so far threw the audience off its guard that, when, at last, he moved, he caused a number of persons in various parts of the house to start and utter an involuntary exclamation of surprise. Particular commendation is hardly needed with reference to a performance in which every part was well sustained. Of the writing we may fairly say that it is equal, in point of humour and sparkle, to any of Mr. Byron's late burlesques. The selection of the music we are inclined to think somewhat less happy than that of other pieces of his—too difficult for the means of the singers who have to execute it; it is just, however, to add that it has been adapted with great taste by the very clever *chef d'orchestre*, Mr. Van Maanen. The scenery, painted by Mr. Charles S. James, is marked by those artistic qualities which have distinguished his works under the present management; and he was called upon the stage to receive from the crowded audience the direct expression of their admiration of his closing scene, "The Winter Garden of the Christmas Fairies."

ASTLEY'S.

Mr. B. T. Smith's "Children's Pantomime" this year is called "Harlequin Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son, Pope Joan and Little Bo-peep; or, Old Daddy Long-legs and the Pig that went to Market and the Pig that Stayed at Home." The various legends indicated in the title are interwoven in the story, with the addition, even of a few others of a similar kind, and, so far as the story goes, must be confessed the result is somewhat indistinct. The idea, however, has evidently been to get as much display, scenic and otherwise, as was possible out of the multifarious materials suggested by the amalgamated stories, rather than a consistent and well digested plot; and this has certainly been done. Almost every scene of the opening is devoted to the marshalling or massing of troops of all kinds of persons and things, and while these various marshalling and groupings are taking place, the story, such as it is, is allowed to stand still. This treatment, however, though fitted to the exigencies of pantomime, as, indeed, in most other forms of dramatic composition, may be the thing when a "Children's Pantomime" is desiderable. Messrs. Browne's scenes and the graceful and dressing of the various cohorts of animals, humans, and semi-animate pantomime spirits and cohorts, is in its lavishness and brilliancy the very thing to enchant the wonder and admiration of the juvenile mind. Of the former, "The Submarine Retreat of Mother of Pearl" and the transformation scene, "A Coral Reef," must be instanced. The transformation scene, we think, has never been surpassed for brilliancy and the judicious grouping of the many, some forty, we should think, of the female figures. The suspension on wires of such of the ladies of the ball as was necessitated by the exigencies of this scene, was much less palpable, and, therefore, much less painful, than it usually is. The evolution of this scene is work of some ten minutes, thoroly rousing the enthusiasm of the audience, and procured for Messrs. Browne and E. T. Smith a very hearty call. The next most successful features of the opening were the acting of Miss Caroline Parker, as the heroine, Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son and of Little Nelly Smith, as the Fairy Teeny Tiny. The acting of Mr. Russell, as Gimmar Gray, Tom, Tom's mother, and the pantomime and dancing of M. Milano, as Young Longlegs, were next in point of prominence. Medusas H. Peilham and Nesbet, and Messrs. Atkins and Templeton have very poor parts. The Harlequinade, the invention of Mr. Rowella, the Clown (the opening is supposed to be by Mr. Greenwood), is considerably above the average; and Mr. Rowella himself is far above the average, even when we have no hesitation in saying he is the best now on the London boards. He is an exceedingly neat dancer and acrobat, but that is, in our eyes, the least of his merits. He is humorous, and clown at most divertingly. With some better contrived business—though, as we have said, that pertaining to this pantomime is above the average—he could enchant his audience (his grown up audience) in a manner rarely done by clowns lately. Mr. Sexilian is a most wonderful sprite, and a handsome. Misses Cadie and Greenvore are graceful Columbines. M. Vestris cut a somewhat insignificant figure as Harlequin beside Miss Austin as Harlequin (*a la Watteau*). Mr. Beckenham, as Pantaloons, is vigorous where he should be servile, and Mr. Adolph Rowella as the Demon Sprite, takes kicks and cuffs and tumbles gracefully enough. The first performance, or "grand dress rehearsal," as it was called, took place on Saturday last but had to be delayed till the boxing-night house, and was, owing to the numerous hitches, scenic and otherwise, somewhat prolonged. Numbers had left ere the clown said "good night," and so when the curtain came down, there were few to applaud than there otherwise would have been.

SURREY.

An up-to-date but thoroughly good-humoured audience assembled to assist at the inauguration of this splendid new theatre on Boxing night. And though the proportions of the house are gigantic, at least as many would-be pleasure-seekers failed to find a place upon that occasion as the building found accommodation for. The pressure on our space compels us to defer noticing the building in all its admirable details. Suffice it here to say that the vast audience that filled the theatre in every part immediately upon the opening of the doors was there to impress us with the *coups de théâtre* presented by the cast. The burst of admiration very soon found expression in calls for Mr. Shepherd, and when a general summons that

after the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung by the company, Misses Goodall and Esther Jacobs taking the solo parts, Mr. Shepherd delivered an opening address. This address was well conceived and admirably expressed, and elicited much applause. It forms a document in theatrical history, and must perforce find a place in our pages. This it should be noted, is the first performance connected with Misses Goodall and Ogilvie's "Honesty is the Best Policy," which introduced to the public three new candidates for fame, via Misses Goodall and Ogilvie, from Liverpool and Glasgow, respectively, and Mr. Hillier, from Birmingham. The performance of the first-mentioned lady in this piece and in the pantomime, where she played Margery Daw, were much and deservedly appreciated. Miss Ogilvie is also likely to be an acquisition. Her rendering of the character of Rose de Mal was marked by much simple pathos and good taste. Mr. Hillier, from his rendering of the part of Clegg in the first play, was to be a particular candidate for success. "The Pantomime, 'Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son,'" has been got up with it seems, to us, more magnificence than its predecessors. The hitherto incidental to the first night of such an elaborate production, in a house new, and, indeed, scarcely finished theatre, were of course numerous; but, apart from them, it is evident that there is ample of every kind of excellence in this latest Surrey pantomime to secure for it a success second to none of those that have preceded it. The scenic embellishments are brilliant; the mechanical appliances are numerous and ingenious; the costumes and properties are tasteful, and appropriate; the singing is good; the dancing is graceful; the pantomime, "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son," has been got up with it seems, to us, more magnificence than its predecessors. 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GRECIAN.

.. The Bottle Imp; or, Harlequin the Witch of the Woods, the Beautiful Princess, and the Verie Good Little Fairies of the Magic Bag," is the title of Messrs. George Conquest and Mr. G. L. Jackson's pantomime at the Royal. It will be a great disappointment in a pamphlet for the Grecian is an inferior part for Mr. George Conquest, the choice of the "Bottle Imp" must be allowed to be most happy. For the plot of the piece we must refer to our last number; the combined acting and acrobatics of Mr. George Conquest in the part of the Bottle Imp surpasses, if anything, all he has done before in similar characters, not even excepting that impersonation in "The Spider and the Fly," that so astounded not only the habitues of this theatre, but not a few attracted from comparatively foreign parts by the lengthened duration of that piece. The "Verie Good Little Fairies of the Magic Bag" make a very pretty pair of ladies, and the spirits and vivacity of the one, and the graceful and clever dancing of the other form notable elements in the piece; the rest of the fun of the opening falls, for the most part, to Misses Jackson, Grant, and Manning, and each fairly acquires himself of his share. Mr. Messenger's scenery is also fully up to the demands of the season; his "transformation" being very splendid; the harlequin is supported by Harry Wright, as clown, Mr. Osmond, as harlequin, as spites, and Miss Florence White, as columbine.

ALEXANDRA.

A genuine pantomime of the old school has been produced at this house, under the familiar title of "Blue Beard." Mr. Chesham, the author, has succeeded in clattering out a tolerably agreeable pantomime story. He carefully preserves all the points of interest, but loses some of the妙 in his scenes of dialogue and business in deep sea caves, apparently indispensable to pantomime. Of course there is no need to give the plot of the piece. It would indeed be a superfluity to describe "Blue Beard," and so we pass on to the representatives of the familiar characters, and here we find everything in the highest degree satisfactory. As Blue Beard, Mr. Giovannelli is the very fiercest of tyrants, and has for Faïme the most fascinating of young ladies in Miss Nancy Gwynne, who is a real star. After the most exciting scenes ever beheld in Mr. J. Taylor's Miss Emma Marchant and Lydia Collier are the two brothers; Eastern editions of Dundreary and Brother Sam, and Miss Eliza Hamilton, sustains a character entitled Prince Magenta, hitherto unknown to fame, in the most fascinating manner. We may here explain that this remarkably handsome Prince is the lover of Faïme, and plays no inconsiderable part in the piece. The transformation scene is full of beauties. It is called "The Sun, the Moon, the Stars, and the Fairies of the Palace of Beauty." It consists of a large crystalline dome, supported by beautiful caryatides, each of course being a lovely young lady, selected by the amount of charms she could exhibit. Below we have a circle of golden palm leaves and on either side are arched trees with branches laden with female loveliness. This scene alone is worth the journey to Highbury to witness. The harlequinade is supported by Mr. Persivale as clown, Mr. E. Campbell as Pantaloan, Mr. Arthur Robin as Harlequin, and Miles, Clarie, and Columbine. As sprite we have "The Wondrous D'Ronde," who is the most extraordinary confectionist we have seen for a length of time. The costumes are refreshingly old fashioned, and altogether a very enjoyable evening may be spent in witnessing the pantomime of "Blue Beard."

BRITANNIA.

The first thing noticeable in this theatre at the opening on Boxing-night, was the general disorder affected since its close about twelve days previously. The auditorium had, during that interval, undergone a complete cleansing and thorough redecoration. This was all very gratifying, but something more so was to come. Mr. Marchant's pantomime, "Old Daddy Longlegs and Sir Regent Circus;" or, the Race for the Golden Apples," the plot of which we fully detailed last week, is a well constructed and smartly-written piece, while as to embellishment, the scenery of Messrs. Rogers and Muir, and the dresses of Mr. May have long ere this become deservedly famous; it will, therefore, suffice to say that the piece is well up to the standard of a good pantomime, and an eminently satisfactory response. The management has been most liberal in the mounting of the piece, and the liberality has been turned to the best account. The acting, too, is no whit behind the other departments of the get up. Mrs. S. Lane acts with her accustomed dash and sauciness as Sir Regent Circus, and she is ably supported by Messrs. Bigwood, Hall, Leslie, and Elton, and Mesdames Florence Johnson and Cornelia Clinton, and the result being lively satisfaction to the large audiences attracted. The pantomime engaged artfully in the piece, and the title, "The Old Dame and the Magic Box," Pantaloan, Mr. J. Newland (a rare avis, an excellent Pantaloan); Harlequin, Mr. F. White, and Columbine, Miles, Celeste Stephan, Mons, and Madame Sternzowich and the renowned Olmar, too, constitute an unusually strong corps devoted to the sprite business. "Jessie, the Mormon's Daughter" (also by Mr. Hazlewood), is played in conjunction with the pantomime.

STANDARD.

A morning performance of a pantomime at a minor theatre is a real sensation. To enjoy one, we presented ourselves on Boxing day at half an hour after midday at the entrance of the Standard Theatre, where was announced for representation the pantomymic, bollocking, and merriment entitled "Old Christmas." It was entitled "Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake, Baker's Man;" or, Harlequin Bah ! Bah ! Black Sheep. Have you any Wool ?" We presume that the Baker's Man had failed to sufficiently pat the cakes, or that Black Sheep had not accumulated the given three bags full of wool, or that something or somebody was not ready, for the clock of the Eastern Counties Railway indicated the hour of two before the doors were thrown open. A short notice of the appearance of the exterior of the theatre may be obtained when we state that the Shoreditch crowd began to pour shortly after noon, to increase as the moment of opening arrived. Such "chaif" and "goings on" could only be seen and heard on a Boxing day, and we have no doubts the inhabitants of the immediate neighbourhood heard announced that the rush to the gallery had commenced, for such "hubbub" boisterous, shrieking, and wild Indian war dancing has but seldom been witnessed in the public streets. Within the house the consumption of oranges and porter was tremendous, so Shoreditch had been created of its diners and required something to sustain the inner man. "Old Christmas" then came on, and the audience was most trying to the patience of the gods, and they expressed their impatience in the most emphatic manner. For fear of being accused of telling a twice-told tale we void all mention of the plot of the standard pantomime, and refer those who are unacquainted with it to our column of last week. It was then told by its author, and he appeared to know what he meant, but we positively declare that we are in the dark. The new pantomime appears to us to be an incongruous mixture of people, scenes, and driving headlong to the great unattainable in a transformation scene. Everybody laboured seriously in the most approved style, and the result given amount of goodness, badness, quishiness and beauty, and who can we possibly want in a Christmas pantomime? Miss Lizzie Harrison, as Nancy, is the life and soul of the opening, but what in the name of fun she meant by introducing that dismal dirge, "The Death of Stonewall Jackson," we fail to discover. "Kafcoloom," "Constantinople" and the "Sugar Shop" were excellent, but save us from Stonewall Jackson ! It was with much regret we noted the absence of Mr. Britain Wright, who was suffering from bronchitis, and could not possess himself. The scenery is remarkably good, and the transformation scene especially. Mr. Frederick made a wily harlequin, Miss Amelia Newland a very graceful columbine, Mr. Andrew an efficient pantaloan, and Messrs. Green and Giovannelli, two average clowns. We cannot say two first-rate clowns, for we no not believe in their existence.

CITY OF LONDON.

It is almost unnecessary for us to say that Mr. Nelson Lee's men pantomime is a great success, and is, according to us, the best the success was deserved. All the world knows that Nelson Lee's pantomimes must be successes; they can't help it; failure is not known to the man, and he has produced—we should be sorry to say how many, for, ten to one, but what we should be under the mark. Mr. Lee is the inimitable pantomime contriver, and this year he proves that his powers have, if anything, ripened and improved. This seems a strange thing to say of a man who has written so long and so well,

but it is indisputable. The title of his latest effort is "King Flame and Queen Pearly Drops;" or, Harlequin Simple Simon and the Pretty Mermaid of the Land of the Sea. The story of that novel pantomime is given in these columns, and we need not repeat it, for it will be fresh in the memory of the reader. It will be sufficient to say that the whole of the parts were admirably sustained, and that Mr. Lee has given the scenic artist and machinist ample scope for the display of their talents. The transformation, entitled, "Earth, Air, Fire, and Water," is as gorgeous as anything to be seen at any West-end house. It commences with the lifting of a number of gauzes, and this leads to the appearance of King Flame on a sort of dragon. This gives place to a sweetly pretty coral cave, which opens at the bottom of the dragon, the descent of a car, drawn by four water nymphs, and these fairies appear suspended in the air, water nymphs plash about in their native element. The inevitable coloured fire gives a dazzling effect to the whole scene. Mr. E. B. Herbert, the painter, was loudly summoned before this picture, and was received with great aplause. The principal characters change into harlequin (Mr. Charles Paolo), pantaloan (Mr. William Lucy), columbine (Miss S. Stephens), harlequin, (Miss Emma Marchant), and clown (Mr. Wilkins Moleno), and the comic business proceeds with unflagging spirit. The patrons of the City of London are what pantomime is and can ever be—patrons who, if they are to be mollified, the whole of the scenes reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Lee, Herbert, and, in addition to his triumph in the transformation, we may note the excellence of his "Illuminated Caves of the Sea," which was received with particular favour. Mr. Nelson Lee, jun., has written the songs, and Mr. H. Hope has selected some telling music. Mr. S. Walker's comic masks are first-rate, and the dresses, by Mrs. Parsons, of great beauty and richness. Is it necessary, to add that "King Flame" will blow away for many long weeks to come at the City of London Theatre?

Provincial Theatricals.

BELFAST.

THEATRE ROYAL—(Lessons F. Ward and W. E. Mills).—On Friday evening the "Bride of Lammermoor" and the "Serious Family," were played for Mr. G. V. Brooke's benefit. The house was well filled both pieces giving satisfaction. On Saturday "Richard the Third" and the favorite drama of "Michael Erie" were given. On Monday evening the "Duke of Almaviva" of American repute, and the "Fool of the Octagon." This piece is presented with entirely new scenes from the talented hand of Mr. Richard Thorne, and, to say the least, shows genius almost transcendent. In a provincial town like Belfast, where the "bill of fare" is continually changing night after night, it is not only difficult for the company to do proper justice to the plays, but impossible and out of question to "get up" new scenery for any particular piece; however, on the present occasion the management setting aside all expense, have at hazard put the "Ossian" on the stage, and this is sufficient and so complete in effect that the highest anticipations of all have fallen far short of beauty and enterprise displayed in the production of this piece; and we trust the admirers of the drama will come forward and support the spirited undertaking of so liberal a management; as it is they have our best wishes for a long successful run of the "Great Slave Sale." The pressure on our column this week will not permit us to notice the characters in the piece.

QUAGLIO'S CIRCUS opened on Saturday evening with an immense troupe, and in brilliant array that have visited this town for nearly five years. This place of amusement, which is likely to be successful, was built specially for this company. Whilst the proprietor has spared no labour in decorating the interior, the piece has been taken to establish the comfort of the audience in all parts of the house.

VICTORIA HALL—**DIORAMA OF IRELAND**.—This entertainment terminated its last visit to Belfast on Saturday. The farewell address was delivered, and the audience separated taking the "last glimpse of Erin with sorrow"—a last look at the storm magnificence of Erin with its rugged peaks, waters of her lakes, and the grandeur of her ancient warlike tribes, with the fond regard of our fatherland and the recollection of all that binds us to it is awoken within us, till we hear it were the "spirit of the past" speaking in a voice vast as the echo of a thousand hills.

BIRMINGHAM.

THEATRE ROYAL—The new Christmas Pantomime of "Sinbad the Sailor, or the Red Dwarf, the Terrible Ogre, and the Old Man of the Sea," was produced on Tuesday, and promises, when brought into thorough working order, to be eminently successful. The scenery by Mr. J. Roberts was truly splendid, particularly the "Leasy Grove amid the Murmuring Waters of Dreamland," in which hall is situated the grandeur of her ancient warlike tribes, with the fond regard of our fatherland and the recollection of all that binds us to it is awoken within us, till we hear it were the "spirit of the past" speaking in a voice vast as the echo of a thousand hills.

STANLEY.

PRINCE OR WALES' THEATRE.—Mr. Swanborough's Pantomime is equal to its predecessors, in the magnificence of its appointments and splendour of its scenery. It is entitled "Little Peep; or, Harlequin King Butterfly's Ball" and "King Grasshopper's Feast in Birmingham in the Olden Times." The scenes are well contrived, and the management have made every effort to bring out the best in the piece. The first act is capital, "Great measure to the Hall," which is well received, the Buttresses' Conservatory and "Fontaines of Bath," and the second scene the Glittering Glen of Gloworms opening to Translating Lakes of Light and Love-nests, were masterpieces of scenic art, and place Mr. Johnson amongst the most distinguished of his class. The harlequinade is very strongly cast. Mr. J. Laird is the motley hero; Madame J. Laird, columbine, Sprites, Messrs. Ellis and Duleyant; pantaloan, Gillies and Lupini; clown; Mrs. Crockett; and I. C. U. 65 and 66; Mr. Arnold, the dog; and the girls, the flower girls, and the fairies, all well mounted. The music halls present several important novelties, which will be noticed in our next.

DERBY.

CHESTER'S COMPANY OF EQUESTRIAN PERFORMERS, on Wednesday evening, the 20th instant, terminated a most successful season in Derby, the circus having been crowded almost nightly. The artists are certainly first-class, and the clowns are witty and clever performers in the ring in various acts of juggling, balancing, tumbling, &c. In fact, the whole company may be pronounced as one of the best that has ever entertained the public of Derby. The spirited proprietor has opened a first-rate circus at Wolverhampton, where, no doubt, his talented company will be duly represented.

LIVERPOOL.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The winter season commenced on Tuesday, when the pantomime of "King Salmon, or Harlequin Prince Parson," &c. by Mr. Charles Millward, was produced. Pantomime flourishes always at the "Royal," and this season will, no doubt, see similar prosperity as previous ones.

ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE.—The most interesting event of the past week was the venture of Mr. George Honey into the regions of tragedy, appearing for his benefit as "Shylock" in the "Merchant of Venice." For an actor eminent for his comic abilities in connection with the extravagances of burlesque to tempt fortune by assuming "Shakespeare's Jew," the venture was a bold one; but the very evident satisfaction shown by a discriminating audience quite justified the choice made by Mr. Honey. For our part we were very much astonished at the great excellence and purity of the impersonation throughout. In regard to this of his daughter and money, and the fleshly nature of the "Tisbe," Semele, were rendered with great clearness and power; in fact, we never saw it done better.

The pantomime for this year is founded on Blanche's burlesque of "The Young Dwarf," and has been arranged by Messrs. J. H. Nightingale and H. W. Pearson. It has been brought out with great completeness, the scenery being by Mr. John Johnson, the masks by Dykynsby, and the costume by Mr. Sam. May. The company

organised by Mr. Coleman, comprises Misses Marian Taylor, F. Chapman, C. Macready, —Righton, E. Righton, Parker, M. Parker, M. Hudford, E. Hudford, and Bertha Adams; Messrs. J. H. Higgins, E. Coleman, M. Hudford, E. Hudford, and C. Adams; Mr. Pitt, Jun., and MacLaren.

PARSONS OR WATER TRAGEDY.—"The Water Tragedy," a burlesque by Mr. W. Brough, has been produced with the usual accompaniment attendant on the new pieces brought out by Mr. Henderson. It is a piece by a strong cast, comprising Misses Lydia Thompson, Julia St. George, Marie Rhodes, Edith Challis, Fanny Brown, &c. and Messrs. E. Salter, Lionel Brough, F. W. Irish, Harry Josephs, Philip Day, Granger, &c. The costumes and scenery are of the most beautiful and elaborate description; and there is no doubt of the burlesque having a long run.

THEATRE ROYAL.—A visit to this theatre proves that it does not require a high-priced programme to entitle it to furnish a good pantomime; the comedy by Mr. A. Marchant is in very high order; the appointments, &c., are of a first-rate degree of merit; and the artists generally perform their parts with dash and spirit. The proprietor, Mr. Heath, is deserving of great credit for his good catering for the amusement of his numerous, though not very select, patrons.

BENGEL'S CIRQUE.—Mr. Henger, as usual, is strong with his Christmas programme. The most interesting portion is the production of the Chinese on horseback, introducing 100 characters and 50 horses.

Mr. H. is a well-known enterpriser, and, in this pageant one of the most inspiring ever seen at his establishment.

CHINER'S MINSTRELS.—The names of "Shylock" continues to attract large audiences, supported as it is by such consummate artists as Messrs. Wilson, Bamford, Eugene, Unsworth, &c. The evening's entertainment winds up with the burlesque opera of "The Elfin of Love."

MANCHESTER.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The pantomime at this establishment is founded on the story of "Aladdin," and as may naturally be expected is a gorgeous spectacle, the whole resources being brought to bear, and it does without doubt surpass any of its predecessors. The authorship is again divided between the worthy treasurer, Mr. Thomas Chambers, and Mr. W. S. Hyde. The harlequinade is well sustained by Miss M. Quanis as columbine, Mr. W. Waite as harlequin, Mr. W. Muir as pantaloan, and Mr. E. Emery as clown, assisted by three clever sprites, Pedro, Juan, and Gomez. We shall hereafter speak more fully of this pantomime.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.—"Little Peep," from the pen of Mr. E. R. Fire, forms the Christmas pantomime at this theatre. The littletoys are smartly written, and the machinery, costumes, and magnificent scenery merit the highest commendation. Want of space compels us to abridge our remarks to a future occasion.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—Everybody has heard of "Whittington and his Cat," and the piece is exceedingly well adapted for a pantomime. The transformation scene is a tremendous hit, and brings down thunder of applause at each representation. More anon.

FREYE TRADE HALL.—The "Messiah" was given here on Christmas Day to a large audience, and we need only mention the names of Madame Rutherford, Mr. W. H. Cummings, Mr. Weiss, assisted by a chorus numbering 200 voices, the conductor, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Banks, to show the character of the performance.

LONDON MUSIC HALL.—Mr. Harwood has also received a fair share of patronage in regard to his spirited caterer. John Blanchard (styled "the musical champion) is irresistibly droll, and draws immense applauses. The remainder are well received, and comprise Dampsey and McGuiness, Ted Saunders, Sparkes, and Manning, R. Cooke, E. Thomas, T. Bourne, &c.

EXCHANGE ROOMS.—Her Hermann, the wizard, has appeared here in a slight of hand entertainment to fashionable and delighted audiences.

NEATH (SOUTH WALES).

Our town is probably peopled all over with splendid posters and cards, which hardly add to the coming visit of the "Maid of Pains Pool," the popular lady matinette, who is a great favourite in this neighbourhood. It is now some three years since the lady last visited us, and on that occasion drew together the largest audiences that ever assembled in our Noth town hall. Consequently, we predict for her a brilliant and successful season. If our memory serves us right, the lady speaks the Welsh language fluently, and, if such is the fact, no doubt we shall be favoured with the opening address in our mother tongue, which is sure to take immensely.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The Christmas pantomime of "Turko the Terrible and the Magic Roses; or Harlequin Prince Amabel and the Fairy Charm" was produced to an overflowing house on Tuesday, influx of matter preventing us from entering into detail. It may, however, be mentioned that the production is by far the best, and likely to be a very great success. The dresses are of the highest quality, and the scenes altogether could scarcely be of a prettier or more striking character. For a first representation the burlesque passed off well, and the frequent applause augurs handsomely for the taste of the management. The transformation scene, "A Glorious Vision of the Golden Future," is the best of the whole. The characters were Prince Amabel, Miss E. Cross, Violet, Miss Minnie Clifford, the Fairy Lurline, Miss Ada Dyas, Count Spoo, Miss Henry Davis, Turko, surmounted by the Terrible, Mr. W. L. Willmett, &c. The comic part is capital. There are few tricks of mimicry, however. Mr. Harry Hammings plays Orlow, who would never speak. He is a good dancer, and a splendid clean Jasper, Harlequin, Mr. Ed. Algier, Columbine, Miss E. Alcott, Sprites, the Brothers Fritz. All these artists are highly talented, and they were frequently much cheered. The pantomime is sure to prove a success. Next week we will be better positioned to enter into detail. "All that Glitters is not Gold" preceded the pantomime.

OXFORD MUSICAL HALL.—This establishment has been immensely patronised during the week, and we should think that every visitor would be well satisfied with the performances. Mr. A. Attick is one of the best of the comic actors, and he is funny, and his facial expression is wonderful. Mrs. A. Attick discourses very well. As a vocalist she possesses many pointed and necessary traits and characteristics. Miss E. Powell, bilful and serio-comic, we can recommend as much for her careful singing as for her serio abilities. Miss M. Astroff is a "Beautiful Contralto Vocalist." She has a pure sweet voice, which she uses with the very best effect. Her Gertrude, gymnast, could scarcely be excelled. On the pale of her performance is wonderful. Signor Peano, too, greatly amuse. His voice is certainly not powerful, but his arias would fully compensate. Mr. E. Snow, Miss Jenny Hill, and Mr. W. Thompson have been noticed before. They are all of the best order.

TYNKE CONCERT HALL.—Of course, the hall has been filled to excess each night, and the new company have collectively met with success. We can find space to particulars, which is to be regretted. The artists are Mr. Asa Cushman, in conjunction with Miss Joey Tennyson, who are very talented and great favourites; Mr. J. A. Murphy, a good Irish comic; Messrs. Redden and Conway, a couple of capital negro artists. Mr. W. Willis, a favorite comedian and vocalist. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fox. Miss S. Willis, a favorite comedian and vocalist. This hall abounds with unusual effects.

VIATORI'S MUSIC HALL.—Like the post of the concert halls, this pretty saloon has been extraordinarily attended since our last notice. The artists are Miss Kate Stanley, serio comic; Miss Ruth Simpkins, the female Pagulin (a clever lady); Miss Kate Hartney, serio-comic; Miss Janet Richards, Miss E. Lindon, bilful vocalist; Miss V. Day, dancer, and Mr. R. Harrison, comic. In common with the other Newcastle music establisments, we must of necessity refrain from describing the truly ex-hilarant qualities of the artists we ed.

GRANGER MUSIC HALL.—Very well attended has this favourite resort been during the last six nights. The company, we understand, is up to the mark, but not having been able to hear them, we must, of course, refrain from criticism.

HOW THE SALMON GROW.
At first he is very shy, lying perfectly still under arched stones, growing; he is rarely visible to the naked eye before July, by which time he has become a parr, or fingerling, something like a small brook trout, but lighter in build, marked with a number of darker bars on his side. He now begins to rise at a fly, and to make a deadly bait for the river trout. We need not say that it is then in our hands to let him grow, though it is a sore temptation when no bait is to be had but a rotten gavie. In this state, preserving a size of less than six inches (we once saw one on the river Teign between eight and nine, but that is exceedingly rare), he remains for one or two years. But, after fourteen months, or else one year and thirteen months, a singular change comes over him; his mottled sides become coated with bright silver scales, and he turns to all intents and purposes into a salmon of six inches long; he is now called a smolt in Scotland; in England a salmonet, or collectively, salmon fry. He now in his little brain (oh mystery of mystery!) feels that something must be done—the life of a parr cannot be worth much—and all must be left for unknown perils. He quits the pleasant stream, where he has been bred, and, heading seawards, is lost to human ken in the ocean. What he does there no man knows. With regard to this question, "How long does your smolt remain in the sea until he comes back a grilse of six to eight pounds?" the answer is, we do not know. You can allow a latitude of twelve months. He either comes back in three months or in fifteen. However, he does come back, which is a great fact. Here he is at last, having felt along the coast until he got the taste of the highly-oxygenated land water in his gills; here he is, escaped from all the innumerable dangers of the deep sea, the bar and rock-strewn towns, until the salt water driving back the salt shall tell his queer concentrated little mind, duly, as in a dream of a foregone, half-forgotten life, yet surely too, that there is water enough over the shallowest bar to bear him up into the pleasantest old haunts, under the hazel and alder shadow, and that his love will meet him there. When the first flood comes, he goes up. Whether it is eight pounds, he comes back duly, and works upstream; some have said as much as twelve miles a day; but to find out the truth of that, we must follow Mr. Russell's hint and send some one under water for six months. He goes scudding swiftly over the shallows and sticklers, and pausing, we believe, whole days in the pools and pits, during which time, however, he is not idly loitering; he moves like man others, labour under the impression that what is pleasant to the eye is certainly also good for food (this fancy of his certainly brings knowledge, but, as in the greatest case, too late), from some reason or another, he, during these rests, of gets the habit, more fatally developed in later life, of snapping at, and trying to eat things apparently alive and organic, but which in reality are but mere Frankenstein monsters of shreds and

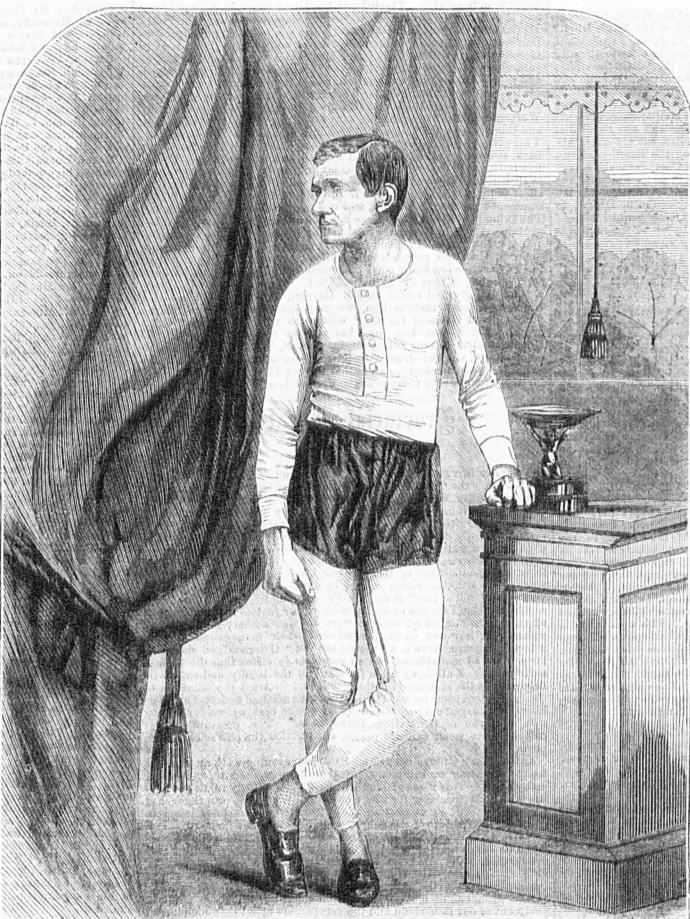
patches, made in certain streets in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, eidola of things which, as Mr. Paul Bedford would have said some years ago, "never have considered themselves to be your salmon fish, the makers of which steer so singularly clear of the second commandment. But our grilse is but a griso still. We must follow him as fast as we can. Change of air and diet become imperatively necessary. He goes to the seaside, and apparently stays there some six months. At the end of that time he comes up the river again, and weighs, as we think, twelve pounds. He has got through the gravel-raking process, returns in a dilapidated condition to the sea, and once more appears in Tay, Garry, Shin, Tweed, Itchen, Avon, Dart, Teign, Severn, Blackwater, Shannon, Welsh Dee, Glaslyn, or where you will, in high health and strength, weighing somewhere near eighteen pounds.

THE THAMES.—Richard Stokes, of Brentford, fisherman, was fined by the Brentford Bench on Saturday last, 40s. and costs for obstructing Melbourne, Cowdry, and Newnham in the execution of their duty at Teddington on the morning of the 13th inst., between one and two o'clock. Being an old offender, and fine not paid, he was committed for one month.

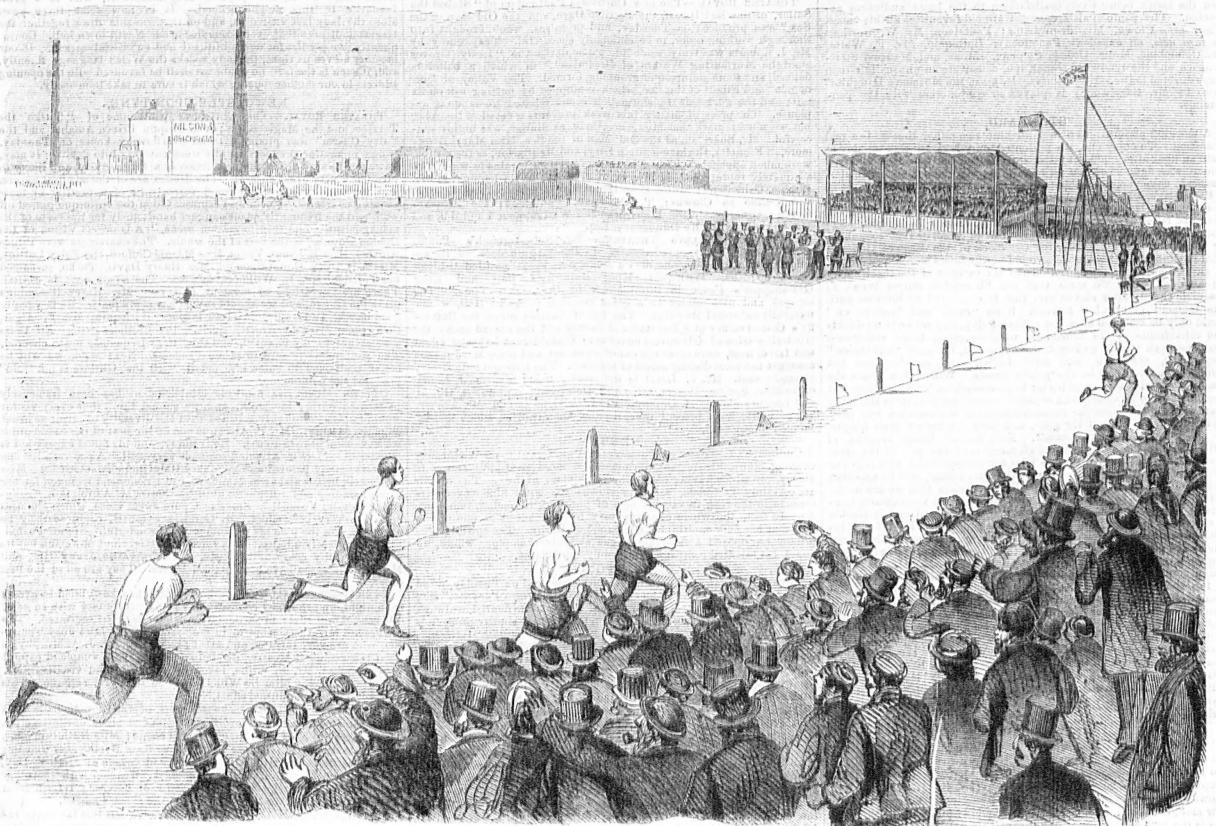
THE SALMON SPawning SEASON.—PERTHSHIRE.—Spawning is well advanced on the upper waters. The season has been favourable, but there is a marked deficiency in fish, as compared with last year, no doubt in consequence of the extremely dry weather during summer and autumn. It is reported also that a kelt has now and again been killed. Blazing is now all but unheard of on the Perthshire rivers, and poaching of all kinds decidedly on the decrease.

ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION OF SALMON.—The experiments are still being continued for the stocking of Stormontfield breeding ponds. On Thursday week the boats were out, and at the confluence of the rivers Almond and Tay three shots were made, the result being the capture of twelve fish, four of them kelt. From these 20,000 ova were obtained, and deposited in the breeding boxes, making altogether a sum of 200,000 put into the ponds this season. There are at present upwards of twenty fish confined in a lade near the ponds for the purpose of ripening, and from these other 20,000 ova is expected, which will fully stock the ponds. At present all the rivers in the district are swarming with fish to a degree unknown for many years past. There is little or no poaching going on.

MORTALITY AMONGST HARRIERES.—A disease attended with extraordinary fatality has made its appearance among the fine pack of harriers belonging to Mr. S. Smith, of Down Farm, Odiham, Hants. Notwithstanding the efforts made to check its ravages, it has already proved fatal to twenty-two of the finest animals in the pack, and it is said there is no apparent sign of its abatement.



JOHN BRIGHTON, of Norwich, the once famed Four Miles Champion.



THE PRINCE OF WALES RUNNING GROUNDS, BOW.



MOORE & WILLIAMSON

JAMES SANDERSON (TREACLE),

The Champion Runner of England, who defeated Lang (The Crowcatcher); Brighton, of Norwich; Richards, the Welshman; Bob McKinstry, the Scottish hero, at Hackney Wick, on Boxing Day, 1865.

PEDESTRIANISM.

DECEMBER.

- 80.—Burke and Webster—40 yards, £25 a side, Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester.
 30.—Bramhall and Frost—150 yards, £15 a side, City Grounds, Manchester.
 20.—Frost, 1—Mr. Threlkeld's 140 Yards Handicap, £5, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool. JANUARY, 1866.
 1.—Entwistle and H. Parker—40 yards, £20 a side, Royal Oak Park, Manchester.
 1.—Bramhall and Frost—100 yards, £15 a side, Handicap, limited to six yards start, at Queen's Hotel Ground, Sheffield.
 2.—Mowat, Hayes and Singleton's 200 Yards Handicap, £25, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.
 13.—Frost and Rothwell—140 yards, £25 a side, Royal Oak Park, Manchester.
 20.—Hoywood and Thirkill—300 yards, £25 a side, Royal Oak Park, Manchester.

BOXING DAY SPORTS.

As is our wont we give exclusive accounts of all matters appertaining to the athlete. The whole of the metropolitan grounds were crowded; and when we say that Pedestrianism was in the ascendant, and proved on Boxing Day that it had become an institution at holiday seasons, the many thousands who congregated to see the fleet of foot bound along was a refreshment to us, even, who have for many years past been "in the minority." The easy methods of reaching the various places of amusement, no different to what it was in the days of the "Old Cope," before London was intersected by the iron way, allows all who wish to see the fleet of foot an opportunity of so doing. We therefore give a resume of the proceedings, although we might have gone further, and with justice, too, into the matter. Sufficient for our readers will be the following:—

HACKNEY WICK.

There were full 5,000 persons in Mr. Dunn's grounds yesterday, the great feature being that five of the most noted champions would contend for the Champion Cup at ten miles. Previous to the race of the day, however, there was decided the

ONE MILE HANDICAP.—The incentive to strive for the mastery was £5, divided into three prizes, all to run in one heat, and out of the fourteen entries there appeared at their various marks, Howdon at scratch, Burrell and Raynor 50 yards start, Dunn 60 Miles, Fisher, and owner 80, and Edwards, Trow, and Alexander 90. The race to 80 yards came in first by three yards, Edwards was second, and Raynor (Guardian) was third. There was only half a yard between the second and third, and from first to last the above three were only in the race.

THE RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF ENGLAND.—Wm. Lang, Robert M'Kinstry, William Richards, John Brighton, and James Sanderson, next appeared to contend for the Champion Cup of 10 miles. The five had staked £10 each, and Mr. Dunn added £25, so the winner received the Cup and £60, and the second man was entitled to £15. Wm. Lang, being popular, and a general favourite with amateur applicants, was also Jack Brighton, an old favourite at those grounds. The dark horse, M'Kinstry, was an especially marked interest, but to our thinking he had had a slice too much of Jim Padway's pudding. Of course all gave Bill Richards a hearty greeting but it was at once apparent that the celebrated Treacle (Sanderson) was the fittest in field to win, and so he did, as the issue will show. It was an interesting sight to see as they bounded away to the long report of Bill Price's pistol, and as they came into the straight to pass the referee (Mr. F. Goodliff), all together they re-enforced them on. Brighton was first, followed by Lang and first out of the race took the lead. The first mile, ran very slow, in five minutes, and Lang was first, the second mile, and the pace was made faster, and Richards dashed in front at two miles; the time being 10 min 15 sec. They led alternately, and at two miles and a half it was thought that the Scoteman had shook off his orbit, but all tried, and they finished the third mile all together, in 15 minutes 37 seconds. Teddy Mills now brought out his man, Sanderson, and Mr. Perkins also cheered on his pal. Five miles to go, and Lang and M'Kinstry cried "enough," and gave in. Lang tried his best, and was successful in saving some power, if he was fit, and then gave in. All, in succession, had to give in, except Jack Brighton, until the sixth mile, when he also cried "go" and left Sanderson to go along in his glory. The latter ran six miles in 32 minutes 5 seconds.

A match was made between W. Lang and W. Richards to run one mile for £50, to come off on the 15th of January in the new year.

BOW.

On Saturday last the near approach to Christmas caused a smaller attendance than usual at these grounds; still there was a tolerable number, considering that two races only were set for decision. The first was between

BOWEN and BROOKS, both of Poplar, 100 yards for £5 a side, and a bet of £5 that Bowen would be in front three yards from home. Soon after the appointed time the men came on the ground, Bowen attended by Hogg, while young Gouch waited upon Brooks. Very little time was given to the betting, and Brooks, catching his man hopping, dashed off with a good lead, was never approached, and won easily by three yards.

WHEELER and FROST.—This was also for £5 a side, the distance to be run being 120 yards. As soon as the referee (J. Goulding) had been selected, the lad took the mark, the betting being in favour of Frost at 2 to 1, with but few takers. The result fully justified the confidence of his backers, for he jumped off with the lead, maintained it to the end, and won by three yards.

WHITEHORN and COOPER.—A small and persons assembled at these grounds to witness the various sports arranged for decision. The first event was a match in which J. Whiting, Southwark, had undertaken to walk three miles in 30 minutes, carrying 50lb weight on his head. He accomplished his task, with 1 min. 22 sec. to spare.

HANDICAP RACE, ONCE ROUND (ABOUT 550 YARDS) FOR A SILVER CUP AND MONEY PRIZES.—Hon. L.—Silbey's Lad, 40 yards start, 1; Haugan, 20 yards, 2. The others did not finish.

SECOND HEAT.—Dukes, 25 yards start, 1; Elphinstone Novice, 25 yards, 2; Long, 20 yards, 3. The third heat and the final heat will be decided thus:

THE THREE MILES WALKING HANDICAP.—In heats as follows:—

First heat—Duke, 170 yards start, 1; Jobbins, 120 yards, 2.

Turkey, 160, and Target, 150 also started.

Second Heat—Wren, 100 yards start, 1; Clarke, 150 yards, 2;

Mayston's Novice, 150 yards, 3.

The third and final heat will be contested this day.

The sports were concluded with a Two Miles Donkey Handicap race, first prize £7, second prize £2, and third prize £1. After a spirited contest it was won by Napper's Blackey, who won the first prize, Yamouth Jim's Jerry the second, and Steven's Gipsy the third; Blackey's Post Girl 0. Won by 10 yards. Jack Goulding was stayer and referee.

PRINCE OF WALES GROUND.—On Saturday, notwithstanding the near approach of the holidays, there was a good number to witness two races set down for decision—namely, the first between

JOHN BOWEN and WHEELER BROOKS.—Both are denizens of Poplar, and they had to run 100 yards for £10. Bowen is 36 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighs 12 stone. Brooks is just ten years young, 5 feet 7 inches in height, and three stone the lighter man, so there was a great contrast in the competitors. A little more interest was attached to the race, because as the backer of Bowen laid a bet of £5 that his man was in front at least two yards from the tape, the stakes and the bet, however, were lost for Brooks, quickest on his pins got the start, kept the lead to the end, and won by three yards.

J. FROST and C. WHEELER.—These men, both of Millwall, met to run 120 yards for £10, the first receiving four yards start. Gandy, the pedestrian, was the referee, and Wheeler was attended by a friend, and Frost by Mr. Platt. Again there was a great disengagement in height, for Wheeler, 20 years of age, is 5 feet 11 inches in height, and weighs 12 stone; and Frost only seventeen years of age, 5 feet 4 inches in height, and only eight stone. Frost, upon whom many odds could have been laid, got the start, maintained it from end to end, and won by three yds.

BROMPTON.

THE GREAT RACE OF 120 YARDS FOR £200.

A race of unusual interest was decided at the Brompton Running Grounds on Saturday between a well-known professional and an equally celebrated amateur. The conditions were that Mr. A. P. should run 120 yards against W. Riley, of Finsbury, for the large stake of £200. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that there was a large muster at Mr. Jones's grounds, many members of the Turn as well as professionals and amateurs, being present, the latter more especially showing their interest in the success of their countryman. Dan Thomas, the popular featherweight, had taken the box reserved for himself, Mr. A. P., having, in the first instance, had the judicious advice of Harry Andrews, and for the last two weeks Dan Thomas, to give the finishing touch, by whom he was brought to the post "as fit as a fiddle." Riley had for his mentor Bill Price, and took his breathings at Buckhurst-hill, under the immediate guidance of Hailby, aided by his brother Jon, and they, too, brought their man out in the first of condition. Riley is 25 years of age, weighs 9st 12lb, is of the greyhound breed, is long and lathy, and stands within a trifl of 5 feet 10 inches. He is a good runner, notably by wind, and handles his stick with great dexterity. He has also figured with great success in the races which have taken place at Harefield-wick. Mr. A. P. is much less than his opponent, being only 5 feet 1 inch high, weighs 7st 8lb, and is 25 years of age. Among the company present were many members of the Ring, and Tom King and others speculated largely upon the event. The articles, which were of a stringent character, were carried out to the letter, and no one, with the exception of the referee and umpires, were allowed upon the ground, the running course being in most excellent order. The friends of the amateur were in great force, and spectators of the first comitted class were in attendance. The referee, Mr. John Robinson of Hull, rendered themselves conspicuous in the great half mile handicap here early this year, which was won by Fenton in fine style, Rogers being second. Speculation was very brisk, all the men being about equal favourites, though at the finish Fenton was mostly fancied, Rogers not being supported to the extent he otherwise would have been. In consequence of having sprained his ankle, he was unable to run his trial on the previous Thursday. On defining their channels of action, the referee and his helpers, and the most fastidious could find no possible fault. The referee having been chosen in the person of Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester. Preparations were now made for what was without doubt the event of the afternoon. R. Rogers of Cheltenham, Thomas Fenton of Hull, and John Steel of Glasgow, having agreed to join in a half mile sweepstakes of £25 each, the winner to take the £200. The race was performed on the pedestrian arena with creditable success. Steel was first to run, and was beaten by Mr. John's King's Arms (Newton Heath), having a tremendous reputation north of the Tweed; whilst Rogers (who was prepared by W. Richards), and Fenton (trained by John Robinson of Hull), rendered themselves conspicuous in the great half mile handicap here early this year, which was won by Fenton in fine style, Rogers being second. Speculation was very brisk, all the men being about equal favourites, though at the finish Fenton was mostly fancied, Rogers not being supported to the extent he otherwise would have been. In consequence of having sprained his ankle, he was unable to run his trial on the previous Thursday. On defining their channels of action, the referee and his helpers, and the most fastidious could find no possible fault. The referee having been chosen in the person of Mr. James Holden, the signal was given and all the contestants bounded from the crease simultaneously. Steel at once rushed in front and made the running closely attended by the Hull representative (who by the way ran very wide of Steel's right), Rogers being third. This order was maintained past the stand, and on reaching the chimney, Fenton supplanted Steel, Rogers rushing in second, and Steel dropping in the rear. It soon became evident that Steel and Fenton were neck and neck, and were beaten by Fenton and Rogers, who came crashing into the straight for home almost abreast, when a desperate struggle ensued between the pair, Rogers ultimately landing himself a winner by two yds, Fenton being second, ten yds behind whom came Steel. Time, two minutes.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS DAY (SATURDAY).—At three o'clock H. Webster, of Liverpool, and Mr. Burke, of Salford, try conclusions at 100 yards for £50. After this, Henry Gandy (4 yards start), Thomas Ashton (9), J. Critchley (21), and J. Hewitt (26), will contend together in a half mile handicap of £25 each. Refer to and stakeholder, Mr. Owen, of Stockport.

T. ENTWISTLE and H. HULME (BOTH OF TURTON).—These men meet here on New Year's Day to run one mile for £20. Mr. W. Thistleton, waite of the Globe Inn, Egerton, is stakeholder.

T. MITCHELL (BOLTON), and G. HENLEY (BUHEY).—This is a four-mile race for £10 a side, and is fixed to come off on Jan. 3, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Holden has £8 each, and the balance must be posted on the day.

J. FISHER and W. HOWARD.—These pals test their speed next Monday in a half mile for £10 a side. Fisher receiving 5 yards start at the coming meeting.

S. ALBISON (BOWLES) and J. ROTHWELL (BUHEY).—All the money (£50) has been placed in Mr. Holden's possession for the 140 yards race between them on Jan. 31.

J. HANCOCK (SAFORD) and D. B. DAWSON (STEALBY-BRIDGE).—A match has been entered into by these men to run 100 yards, for a side a side on Feb. 10th. £10 each has been staked with Mr. Holden, and a similar amount falls due on Jan. 21st.

J. FITTON (MANCHESTER) and S. ALBISON (BOWLES).—The latter has forfeited the money staked on this match with Mr. B. Onley.

W. LANG (MANCHESTER) and R. MCINTOSH (GLASGOW).—This interesting match to run 1 mile has ended in smoke, the Scotchman becoming accountless due to day.

J. ROOTH and B. HAYDN, BOTH OF NEWTON HEATH.—This match is off by mutual consent.

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Other Games.—About 300 persons assembled here last Saturday to witness the match between Charles Garrett and William Nuttal, both of Manchester, to run 300 yards for a toner. Nuttal receiving 29 yards start. The race was a most one-sided affair, as Nuttal won as he pleased, his opponent being unable to collar him, resigning the contest about 300 yards from home. Mr. Peter Wadddoor was referee.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS.—The jumping match between David Anfus (of Manchester) and James Jarrett, of Hoywood, for £20 a side, fixed to come off on Saturday, resulted in a forfeit by Jarrett of the £20 a side to his friend Mr. W. Lang Navigation Inn, Great Ormond-street, Manchester.

ODGER and CROOK.—These men run 1 mile here this (Saturday) afternoon for £15 a side.

MOSSEY, HAYES and SINGLETONE's 200 yards, handicap for money prizes amounting to £23, will be run on Jan. 2 and 3.

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BARNESLEY.

FOOT RACE.—On Tuesday last a large number of the lovers of pedestrianism assembled on Worsbrough-road, near Barnsley, the event being a foot race for £2, 100 yards between Richard Coates and Peter Duffy, both of Barnsley. The two got off well together, but after a brief struggle Coates showed in front and soon made a gap between himself and his opponent, and the latter, seeing that his chance was over, dropped out.

WHITEHORN and COOPER.—A match of 300 yards, for £5, near the Forest of Bowland in the Fylde-road. Betting 2 to 1 to Whitehorn, who made a tremendous start, and after an excellent race was won by McEvoy with two yds.

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CAFFERY and BENTHAM, to run 120 yards, for £5 a side. Caffery was attended by Freeman, and Bentham by Tom Nowbold. Betting began at 6 and 7 to 4, and ended with 2 to 1 on Caffery. Caffery had given Bentham 110 yards, and Bentham beat him home, and won by 10 yards.

J. MARSH and SIMMERS.—These men ran 120 yards for £5 a side. This match excited great interest from the numerous appearances they made before the public. Smith and Yorke attended on Mason, and Burton and Parkinson performed similar offices for Simmers. Mr. J. Coates was referee, and betting 5 to 4 on Simmers. The start was even, but Simmers kept the lead, and finally claimed the stakes, but the referee adhered to his decision, and awarded the stakes to Adonis.

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KIRKHAM AND T. ROBERTS.—These men run 120 yards for £10 a side. This match was highly attractive, and the Green Man, Kirkham, the most prominent spectator. Mr. Simmers, of the Swan Inn, Kirkham, the final stakeholder as referee. The start for choice of sides was won by Kirkham, who was attended by Dickenson, of West Bromwich, and Rogers, by Howell of Bowley. Betting 5 to 4 on Rogers. The parties were in excellent order, and the start perfectly level, but Rogers soon went ahead, and won by a yard.

NEW VAUXHALL GROUNDS.—These grounds were opened for pedestrian and other similar amusements, on Monday last, and were tolerably attended. The 150 yard course has two turns in it, but there is a fair circle, 250 yards in circumference. The first match was between Stevens and Hayes.

DR. GEORGE and G. WHEELER.—Our well-known Birmingham runners who were matched for 150 yards, for £5 a side, Stevens to have two yards start, and Wheeler to have none. The race was a dead heat, and the finish was extremely close, the two men running neck and neck for a considerable distance, and then Stevens, by a very slight margin, got the start, kept the lead to the end, and won by three yards.

J. FROST and C. WHEELER.—These men, both of Millwall, met to run 120 yards for £10, the first receiving four yards start. Frost, the pedestrian, was the referee, and Wheeler was attended by a friend, and Frost by Mr. Platt. Again there was a great disengagement in height, for Wheeler, 20 years of age, is 5 feet 11 inches in height, and weighs 12 stone; and Frost only seven years of age, 5 feet 4 inches in height, and only eight stone. Frost, upon whom many odds could have been laid, got the start, maintained it from end to end, and won by three yds.

MANCHESTER.

THE ROYAL OAK PARK was on Saturday last visited by a large concourse of the admirers of the fleet of foot to witness the sports arranged for decision. The first on the card was a match between Richard Crundgeling of London and James Heywood of Rochdale, the conditions being to run 100 yards for £25 a-side. The cockney (who appears to be getting into something like his old form) was mostly fancied, and 6 to 4 to being freely laid on him, and he was attended to the mark by Billy Hall and Charles Mower, Heywood being equivocal by J. Rothwell and E. Lowe. Both showed in capital trim, Heywood being favoured by Mr. William Fish of the Hounds and Hounds, Royton, and the favorite to win the race, though the odds were 10 to 1 on Bill Richards (the Welshman). Considerable delay took place at the post, when ultimately a start was effected, but Crundgeling certainly had the best of it, and leading throughout, won a capital race by one-and-a-half yards. Stakeholder and referee: Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester. Preparations were now made for what was without doubt the event of the afternoon. R. Rogers of Cheltenham, Thomas Fenton of Hull, and John Steel of Glasgow, having agreed to join in a half mile sweepstakes of £25 each, the winner to take the £200. The race was performed on the pedestrian arena with creditable success. Steel was first to run, and was beaten by Mr. John's King's Arms (Newton Heath), having a tremendous reputation north of the Tweed; whilst Rogers (who was prepared by W. Richards), and Fenton (trained by John Robinson of Hull), rendered themselves conspicuous in the great half mile handicap here early this year, which was won by Fenton in fine style, Rogers being second. Speculation was very brisk, all the men being about equal favourites, though at the finish Fenton was mostly fancied, Rogers not being supported to the extent he otherwise would have been. In consequence of having sprained his ankle, he was unable to run his trial on the previous Thursday. On defining their channels of action, the referee and his helpers, and the most fastidious could find no possible fault. The referee having been chosen in the person of Mr. James Holden, the signal was given and all the contestants bounded from the crease simultaneously. Steel at once rushed in front and made the running closely attended by the Hull representative (who by the way ran very wide of Steel's right), Rogers being third. This order was maintained past the stand, and on reaching the chimney, Fenton supplanted Steel, Rogers rushing in second, and Steel dropping in the rear. It soon became evident that Steel and Fenton were neck and neck, and were beaten by Fenton and Rogers, who came crashing into the straight for home almost abreast, when a desperate struggle ensued between the pair, Rogers ultimately landing himself a winner by two yds, Fenton being second, ten yds behind whom came Steel. Time, two minutes.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS DAY (SATURDAY).—At three o'clock H. Webster, of Liverpool, and Mr. Burke, of Salford, try conclusions at 100 yards for £50. After this, Henry Gandy (4 yards start), Thomas Ashton (9), J. Critchley (21), and J. Hewitt (26), will contend together in a half mile handicap of £25 each. Refer to and stakeholder, Mr. Owen, of Stockport.

T. ENTWISTLE and H. HULME (BOTH OF TURTON).—These men meet here on New Year's Day to run one mile for £20. Mr. W. Thistleton, waite of the Globe Inn, Egerton, is stakeholder.

T. MITCHELL (BOLTON), and G. HENLEY (BUHEY).—This is a four-mile race for £10 a side, and is fixed to come off on Jan. 3, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Holden has £8 each, and the balance must be posted on the day.

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NORTHCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

FENHAN PARK, RUNNING GROUNDS, Saturday, Dec. 23.—The weather was most seasonable to-day—frosty and sunny, which with the promise of a series of good biped matches added greatly to the interest of the day. Five races in all were announced. We must, however, and very reluctantly do it, stick to facts more than detail on account of the manifest pressure of other provincial matches which, of course, cannot altogether be crowded out. The first race was settled at mid-day or near thereto between R. Lynch and J. Rolan, of Usworth, 100 yards, for £20. Mr. James Stewart, of running notoriety being referee. Betting 6 to 4 to Rodan. Attendance moderate. A little delay resulted in a tidy start and the sequel of the event illustrated the inferiority of Lynch, who suffered defeat after a satisfactory run. It was pretty evident that Rodan was the better fitter.

The next in the list was the first of the two important ones, and it lay between J. Archibald, of Salford, and E. Brannan, of Cooper's Bay, near to Blyth, the distance being 120 yards for a stake of £50. Both these lads are little 'uns, but with very swift and game runners, they have respectively performed with much success. Brannan, we do not think has ever suffered defeat, he is an agile youth of a promising kind. This we may say of Archibald as well. The present match caused interest and a vast amount of speculation, Brannan having the lead at 6 and even 7 to 4. Mr. William Straker, referee, the attendance numbered several hundred. About, the race very little need be said

the start was fair and the finish fair, the pair were equal for 20 yards when Brannan got his body in advance, when he coolly took stock of his opponent, who, he said, ran well but lacked steam. The consequence was that Brannan made a gap of 3 feet, and running well with him still finished first by 13 yards, a slow performance certainly.

The result was naturally the match of the day, and as such it attracted the large number of 800 spectators, who took the keenest possible interest in the event. The principals were J. Scott, of Wellington Quay, and A. Stewart, of Hylton; 100 yards, for £40. There was plenty of betting on Scott, who found an influx of friends to support him at 5, 6, and latterly 7 to 4. The stand was filled by man, at the leading Newcastle sportsman : Scott has been one of the best second-rate performers owned by the north, he is strong and well knit together, and as proof of his ability, no other fact need be given than that he has actually last returned his wages to his master, and that he has actually run miles of 100 dashes and only lost three. Stewart was as well done for, he is certainly as good runner, but unexpectedly to-day he found his level. Scott won the toss, and he chose the high side running downwards. There was much delay at the scratch. Stewart was the most eager, but for his pains Scott only indulged in a slight laugh or chaff, as suited him. After the pistol had been threatened more care was displayed, and after 20 or more attempts they started and a clipping race ensued. Scott had rather the better of it at first, when Stewart collared him, and a neck and neck struggle ensued for 10 yards, at which place or point Stewart first put his own body in front. Here Scott pulled away, and speedily, and he only not immediately passed Stewart, who had plainly shot his bolt, but he galloped clean away and made a gap of 2 yards in a couple of seconds. He then took it quite comfortably, and won by 3 yards in the time of 11 seconds, to the tumult of congratulation and acclamation accorded him by those who, we suppose, had added a little to their monetary stability. Stewart looked serious and his backers disconsolate. Mr. James Stewart attended the latter.

The next event lay between J. Errington and A. Harting. Newcastles' 100 yards, for £40. Betting, 6 to 5 on Harting, 7 to 4 on Errington, who made a splendid start, and running east throughout won at last by 2 yards. The race was contented myself. Harting should have displayed more care; he is a likely looking lad, but start is a queer thing, and should be avoided if possible. Let him look at the matter and he will see, we suppose, had added a little to their monetary stability. Stewart looked serious and his backers disconsolate. Mr. James Stewart attended the latter.

The next event was a quarter mile in distance, and although not for the most money it was the best contested race of the lot, it was well received.

T. DOYLE AND D. TAYLOR.—Against L. Thompson, for £10 a side. Mr. Adam Scott sides Buxton's 100 yards over 100 to 4, who was captured by Mr. Thomas Winship, the sculler, and F. Beeby, of Carlisle, the noted pedestrian. After half a dozen false starts they got away at a clipping pace which was kept up for upwards of 50 yards. Henderson had the inside, and as he had a slight command at the outset his chance looked healthy. The contest up the off flat was a splendid one, but Taylor, could not overhaul his opponent, thus the latter made the first turn 3 feet in advance along the top of the grounds. The closeness of the race caused much excitement, and it was only when the finish was nigh that Taylor got the lead, and totally dead, and he did so with such a show of strength and agility as to completely outrun Henderson, who had to cry pescavai at the stand. Taylor then eased and broke the tape in the excellent time of 56*1*/₂ seconds.

Mr. Emerson has, we notice, made some very necessary alterations to the bar of his hotel contiguous to the grounds, which is now suited to the usual great call of Bacchus's followers who visit Fetham. Every possible accommodation is now afforded, which we would like to accept as acceptable to the public as we hope it will be to the confers of the obliging host.

TIPTON.

BRITANNIA NEW GROUNDS.—The following matches came off on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The first was an off-hand match between

M. DOYLE AND W. DEELEY, both of Wednesbury, to run 120 yards for £5 a side. Betting, 5 to 4 on Deely. Mr. M. Smith, of Wednesbury, referee. A quick start was made, Russell making the best out of the start, winning by 3 yards.

S. WALKER AND A. KIRKHAM, both of Dingley Bank, another 120 yards' race for £5 a side. Betting, 5 to 4 on Banks. Mr. H. May, of Tipton, referee. Banks had the advantage in starting, and after a thoroughly good race won by a yard only.

H. RUSSELL AND T. PAGE, both of Wednesbury, next came for 100 yards for £5 a side. Betting, even, Russell for choice. J. Smith, of Wednesbury, referee. A quick start was made, Russell making the best out of the start, winning by 3 yards.

S. WALKER AND S. WATKINS, and Tranter (son of the proprietor of the Grounds), next tried a 100 yards spin for 25 a side. A tremendous storm came on just as they had stripped, which evidently took effect on Tranter's nervous system, which had the effect of changing the odds from 6 to 4 against Tranter. Walker was attended by Lambert of West Bromwich, and Tranter by his trainer, Young Hewitt of London. Tranter got off well and led to half distance, when Walker ranged alongside and after an arduous struggle Walker came in first by 6*1*/₂ yards. Mr. Ince, Tiverton, West Bromwich, referee.

G. Brunton and J. Walters, both of Tipton, were matched for 120 yards, for £5 a side. From being both Tipton men, much interest was excited. Betting commenced at 6 to 4 on Walters, but subsided before the start to even money. Brunton was attended by G. Hayward, of Birmingham, and Gill by Henry Hodson ; the gate money was added to the stakes. Foxall got off with the lead, and keeping it throughout, won by a foot. Mr. Brall, of Tipton, referee.

STRAWBERRY HOTEL GROUNDS, LIVERPOOL.—**SPOONER AND MILES,** for £50 and the Seven Mile Champion Belt.—Saturday last brought together a numerous and respectable attendance to witness the seven miles walking match, for £50 and the Seven Miles Champion Belt. The affair, from the commencement, had created a great deal of interest, though speculation on the day was tame, in consequence of a report that Miles had broken down in a trial, and that his legs were "diseased." Both had taken especial care of themselves, and rumour spoke very highly of the Turfman Green having been the best walker in the world. Miles had been offered on him, shortly after the time appointed both men agreed to walk the distance. Miles attended by his Boston friend, and Spooner by E. Thomas, the Northern Doctor. Mr. James Allan was chosen referee, and Mr. Williams offered as umpire for Spooner, the like office for Miles being filled by Mr. W. D. H. The men were loudly cheered on stripping, Miles certainly bearing the palm. The start was effected by pistol, Miles at once assuming the lead. Spooner going in his all-down style a few yards in the rear. During the match in the rear, he was overtaken by a number of people applying, four miles were done in this manner, after which it became evident that Miles's "pins" had decidedly given way (we may here mention that for some time past he has been walking, during practice, in bandages), as he did not appear to be able to answer to the efforts made by Spooner, who was walking well within himself. From this point, Spooner, despite Miles's efforts, assumed the lead, and in the sixth mile put on an extraordinary spurt, gradually leaving Miles in the rear, and winning by about forty yards. When the match was concluded and everything settled, the proprietor of the grounds purchased the belt for £15, and we believe it is his intention to offer the same for competition on Good Friday, in a ten miles sweepstakes for the Championship of the World.

WALLACE AND TRAINER.—This two miles running match, for £15 a side, is progressing favourably, and a further sum of £3 a side, becomes due on Monday evening next, at Mr. Camping's, Brownlow Hill.

CANINE.

MANCHESTER.

ROYAL OAK PARK.—Two matches were to be decided here next Monday, distance 200 yards. The first is at 10 o'clock, between Smith's Cusper (Shakleley), and Ball's Blossom (Tyldesley), for £40; and the other is set for 2 o'clock, the animals engaged being Thorley's Fly (Hanley), and Brundre's Lady (Longton), for £30. Stakeholder and referee, Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS.—An off hand match for £50 has been made to take place here this (Saturday) afternoon, between Forrester's Lill (Salford), and Jenny (Runcdale), distance 200 yards, for £25 a side. Lill receiving 7 yards start inside. Stakeholder Mr. Hayes.

RABBIT COURSING.

MANCHESTER.

CITY GROUNDS.—Two events are arranged for decision at this enclosure this (Saturday) afternoon. The first is a match between Haslam's Shrew and Houghton's Gip, the best of 21 courses for £20; the first rabbit to be slipped at one o'clock. There will also be a sweepstakes for dogs of all weights, prizes £20. The dogs to run in classes, commencing with the heavy weights.

ROYAL OAK PARK.—Hodgson's Annie and Vose's Tommy (both of Birkenhead) for the best of 21 courses on Tuesday next, for £20. The first rabbit to be slipped at one o'clock.

SOURCE, SMOKER AND LEATHER'S NUR.—Mr. James Holden, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, has £15 each for this match at rabbits for £50, 16 out of 31 courses, on January 8. The final deposit to be made on the day.

PRICE'S SHOT AND MILWARD'S SPRING.—This match, to run the best of 31 courses for £40, is fixed for January 8. Shot receives one dead rabbit. Stakeholder, Mr. James Holden.

CHROMPTON'S SPRING AND THREE'S MISCHIEF.—£5 each has been staked with Mr. James Holden for this engagement, to run the best of 31 courses at rabbits on January 8, for £20. The final deposit to be made good on the day.

WINN'S BUTTERFLY AND MORLEY'S SPOT.—Mr. James Holden now has £2 10s. each for a match to run the best of 21 courses for £15 a side between these dogs on January 20. To be made into £10 a side on January 6.

GOTHON.

BULL'S HEAD.—For the match to run 16 out of 31 courses on January 13, for £50, between Reynolds's Empress and Onley's Boss, Mr. James Holden is in possession of £10 each. To be made into £15 a side next Monday.

BOWLING.

NEWCASTLE.

MARCH FOR £30.—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., Younger, of Cradlington and T. Thompson, of Newcastle, contested round the race course with 20 pins for the above sum. The importance of the contest attracted a great many onlookers. At the second Throw Thompson's bowl struck the chain, and broke, he thereby lost many yards, at the cut he was one throw and nearly 30 yards last. Towards the Newcastle turn he however, overcame and only last by a few feet, any odds on him. Ho, however, was fate to lose, and got into many difficulties, not of his own seeking which gave younger every possible chance to win which, he succeeded in accomplishing with 40 yards to spare. Mr. H. Wardle, stakeholder.

"LORD DUNDREARY" IN COURT.—ACTION AGAINST MR. SOTHERN.

On Saturday, in the Queen's Bench, was tried a case, Swanborough v. Sothern.

It was an action brought by the lessee of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, against Mr. Sothern, the celebrated actor, for the non-performance of a contract he had made to play for seventeen nights at this theatre.

It appeared, from the statement of Mr. Balantyne, that Mr. Sothern had engaged to give his services to the plaintiff for the period named. When the night of the engagement arrived, Mr. Sothern stated that, owing to ill health, he was unable to fulfil his contract. The loss sustained was about £900.

Mr. Swanborough, said that when the engagement was made he went to get a place for him in Birmingham and discloses a special society prepared for "Brother Sothern" to visit a grand success. The society specially prepared for "Brother Sothern" cost about £100. There were other special scenes also prepared. Mr. Sothern was to take half the gross receipts, and witness was to pay the expenses out of his half. He received a telegram in September from Mr. Sothern, to the effect that, not being properly advertised, the engagement was null and void. To this (witness) replied that he was thoroughly well advertised. On the morning of the day the performance was to commence, Mr. Sothern sent word to him that he was to go to Birmingham ; but Mr. Sothern said when it was time for him to make every effort to get to the visit a grand success. The society specially prepared for "Brother Sothern" cost about £100. There were other special scenes also prepared. 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THE GREAT FEAT OF WALKING TWENTY ONE MILES IN THREE HOURS AGAIN ACCOMPLISHED.

On the Boxing Day of 1865 George Topley undertook, and accomplished, the never before performed great undertaking, except on one occasion of walking twenty-one miles in three hours. The backer of Chronos staked £90 to the Mortal's £20, that Mr. Charles Westhall's great task could not be done; the result is given below. The athlete selected for this arduous task was George Topley, who will not be off till the 21st of next October, and only stands 5 feet 5½ inches, and is just 9 pounds over 8st. When it is known that he is a near relative of Jack Smith, the Bognor-street pat, was brought out under the judicious guidance of the latter, all will be aware that Topley did not require a better Mentor. George Topley has done some good things in his time, for, on the 16th of January in last year, he walked seven miles and a half in the hour fairly and honestly, and eleven days after defeated Jack Underwood in a match of four miles. At the following Whitenshield he was unsuccessful against Miles. In a four-mile stretch, he pulled off a seven miles haulage at Canterbury, starting from scratch. In the December of 1863 he beat George Wild at four miles, and Charley Dixon at seven. For the present match—to walk twenty-one miles within three hours, the backers of time laying £30 to £20—he was trained at J. Smith's, Norman Arms, Fulham, and was backed by Mr. Wakefield, of the Grey Eagle Spitalfields, and was attended by Brown (alias the "Blower") of Fulham. A few minutes before two o'clock, Topley, who was familiarly termed "Little George," was greeted with a round of cheers when he turned out to undertake the arduous task—a feat hitherto only accomplished by Mr. Charles Westhall, who walked on the turnpike road near Newmarket eight years ago, and came in a winner with 59 seconds to spare, and that, too, with a strong wind blowing. So much faith was there in Old Time, that 3 to 1 went beginning before the start, but Topley's wonderful style of going all the time forward, and never halting, was not until the last hour, when he began to stagger with 9 miles left to do it, that the astonished and calculating "metallist" reduced those odds to evens on the enemy. Topley's physique was admired by all present, and deservedly so, for no man ever came to the scratch in better condition. He went away at a rattling pace, accompanied by Brown of Fulham, who was never allowed to get off a jog-trot for the three hours.

When the last mile was commenced the excitement of the bystanders knew no bounds, and they carried their feelings of admiration for this wonderful pedestrian to such pitch that there was some danger of a stampede taking place of the public. The last mile was done under adverse circumstances, as a dizzling rain then came on, and it was succeeded by a thorough downpour, making the ground quite slippery and clammy. When Topley came in he was thoroughly exhausted with his exertions, and his friends carried him triumphantly on their shoulders from the town. It is quite unnecessary to make any remarks on this great performance; the time will speak for itself, and those who saw him will never forget his animated style. Mr. Charles Westhall was the referee; but we should now do justice if we will not mention that the last mile in the heat of the race, and being fully fatigued, was走 at 15 miles per hour, truly wonderful, and scarcely within the comprehension of half. All praise, however, to the gallant Little fellow, who has thus put upon record an undertaking unequalled by any other man. We give Topley's portrait in another page.

The following is the only official time taken, in which it will be seen that every quarter of a mile was recorded by Bennett's chronograph. The grounds are just a quarter of a mile round, and each and every fourth of a mile from commencement to finish is given below:—

QUARTER OF A MILE. HOURS. MINUTES. SECONDS.

1	0	0	43	The 1st mile.
2	0	0	40	
3	0	5	43	
4	0	7	47	
5	0	9	53	The 2nd mile.
6	0	11	57	
7	0	14	22	
8	0	16	8	
9	0	18	14	The 3rd mile.
10	0	20	20	
11	0	22	26	
12	0	24	32	
13	0	26	38	The 4th mile.
14	0	28	42	
15	0	30	43	
16	0	32	50	
17	0	34	54	The 5th mile.
18	0	37	4	
19	0	39	4	
20	0	41	7	
21	0	43	15	The 6th mile.
22	0	45	15	
23	0	47	21	
24	0	49	24	
25	0	51	25	The 7th mile.
26	0	53	27	
27	0	55	30	
28	0	57	33	
29	0	59	34	The 8th mile.
30	1	0	45	
31	1	3	45	
32	1	5	50	
33	1	7	52	The 9th mile.
34	1	10	52	
35	1	12	7	
36	1	14	14	
37	1	16	25	The 10th mile.
38	1	18	25	
39	1	20	31	
40	1	22	37	
41	1	24	50	The 11th mile.
42	1	26	54	
43	1	29	0	
44	1	31	8	
45	1	33	18	The 12th mile.
46	1	35	27	
47	1	37	35	
48	1	39	46	
49	1	41	55	The 13th mile.
50	1	44	6	
51	1	46	16	
52	1	48	28	
53	1	50	37	The 14th mile.
54	1	52	49	
55	1	55	2	
56	1	57	15	
57	2	59	27	The 15th mile.
58	2	10	40	
59	2	12	52	
60	2	15	10	
61	2	8	27	The 16th mile.
62	2	10	40	
63	2	12	52	
64	2	15	5	

65	2	17	17	The 17th mile.
66	2	19	30	
67	2	21	43	
68	2	23	52	
69	2	25	15	The 18th mile.
70	2	27	30	
71	2	29	49	
72	2	32	47	
73	2	34	18	The 19th mile.
74	2	36	18	
75	2	38	18	
76	2	40	28	
77	2	42	45	The 20th mile.
78	2	47	11	
79	2	51	20	

The 21st mile was completed in 8 minutes 15 seconds, a fact unprecedented in all previous matches of the kind.

EXTRA AQUATICS.

NEWCASTLE.

W. SMITH AND MAREN WILDE FOR 410.

These young aspirants contested on Monday morning (Christmas Day) in Herne Chaper's open boats for a five-a-side, from the Bridge to Watson's Gate, a probable distance of one mile, the victor Harry obliterating as referee: the Anthony Nichol steamer attended. The match was made and amicably agreed on a little time back, and it had progressed well and steadily. As much also may be said of the contestants themselves, who appeared to be well developed, proportionately formed youngsters. We cannot speak accurately as to their respective merits. On the whole, however, we were inclined to award the victory to the younger, and more sprightly, Harry, who was evidently proud of his achievement, and the lassier may equally hold on his success, offering to speak, with a fair share of satisfaction. It is, we are cognizant, a hard task to recompense a defeated man to his true position. In this case, however, his defeat may partly be attributed to want of practice, without which, of course, few canmen can boast of precision. Better luck next time, say we. It was early morn when the race was decided—a very few minutes after eight o'clock. The race was, however, a fair average attendance on the bridges and along the shore sides. Sunlight would at all events have been a decided advantage to the victor. This latter had the boat, and as the element was slightly choppy, he had a decided advantage. They got off, after a short delay, and almost at the first stroke Wilds caught a crab, which contrite attempts for the second completely put out his chance. He righted himself quickly, however, and his gaffe gave chase after Smith, who now had a tidy advantage. Wilds at this part pulled splendidly, and a rating race ensued to the Skinner Burn, when Smith gradually drew out, and he soon made a palpable gap of one length. Wilds was visibly pumped out; he lost sight behind, and reached the Tower 30 yards or more last. He had no chance afterwards, Smith winning as he liked, and with the last length.

Another match came off immediately after the above, and in the same boats, between Brummell and Forrest; two miles, for £6. Brummell won both the toss for boats and side, 5 to 4 on Forrest. After four starts they got off, when the favourite soon showed a foot or two in front. This he increased so rapidly that at the quarter mile one length divided them. Brummell fell further off, and was beaten by six or seven lengths easily.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The French Government has resolved on making the foreign press amenable to the same laws that regulate the French press, accordingly it has prohibited the entrance into France of the *Independence Belge*, or the ground that it occupies, to journalists for a period of three months, such an entreaty that entails the suspension of a newspaper.

From America we learn that the late resolutions proposed in Congress against the monarchy in Mexico are reported to have led to a correspondence between the United States and French Governments. The House of Representatives adopted the resolution concerning the administration of Southern members as amended by the Senate, but subsequently passed a resolution on its own account as stringent against the South as the original one.

The French President (in New York) Robertis has issued an address calling upon the Fenians to act promptly and smash up England. The Fenians have some four hundred thousand pounds in hand.

A serious collision took place on Wednesday on the Great Western Railway, near Gloucester, between a luggage train and a passenger train. The passengers were thrown from their seats, and upwards of thirty persons were more or less injured. Three of the worst cases are expected to prove fatal.

A shocking scene took place at Brookgreen on Tuesday night. A gorged and fat Symonds, the late of the East India Company's Service, was distributing copies of a tract at the houses of several persons near Brookgreen, when suddenly he walked to the middle of the green, and placing his back to a tree blew out his brains with a pistol. The tract in question was of his own writing, and was called "Symonds' Recommendations." It shows decided traces of mental aberration.

A Belgian journal says:—Queen Victoria has sent one of her maid-servants to Brussels, to obtain from the Queen of the Belgians in person a detailed account of the recent movements of General Custer.

The General went out shooting for the first time on the 15th inst. The child killed five rabbits and four pheasants.

Brigham Young has had a new "revolution." He says it is the will of God that the sisters should make their own houses and hats for themselves and their families, from straw and other materials raised in the Utah mountains." The explanation is said to be that Brigham Young has a large lot of rye-beer "for sale in lots to suit purchasers."

The Japanese Ambassadors are busily occupied in visiting factories, workshops, &c., in London. Last week they went to the Blackfriars, Oxford, and Windmill Streets to inspect some guns in course of manufacture for their Government.

M. Hart, editor of the *Charivari* (Paris Punch), has just died of small-pox.

A man has been remanded at Bromley, on a charge of throwing a live dog at a railway train. The dog struck one of the guards and rendered him insensible. It was killed by the police.

The execution of Forward, alias Southey, is fixed for Jan. 11th. Since the trial he has exhibited the same demeanour as at the trial.

He spends a great deal of time in writing to the friends against him, and in trying to procure legal advice, and applied continually for means for the purpose. Since the prisoner was first committed for trial he has been supplied with no less than twelve quires of foolscap paper, the whole of which he filled with close writing.

Eliza Atkins, who was awaiting the penalty of death in Leicester county gaol for the murder of her child, has been reprieved.

The two men, Jones and Merrick, convicted of assaulting Dr. Hunter, have been sentenced. Jones was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and Merrick to a fine of £5 and to be imprisoned until it was paid.

One of the first results of the departure of the French troops from Rome seems to be an increase of brigandage in the Papal States.

Some singular disturbances have taken place at Carlisle. There have been so many deaths of cattle in that city from rinderpest that it was found necessary to carry the carcasses to the race course for burial.

The farmers of the neighbourhood objected to this, and, collecting in crowds, assaulted the men employed in the work. The mayor and some members of the corporation went out to endeavour to allay the excitement, but they too were roughly handled.

Famine prevails in some parts of India, as much so, that according to the *Poona Observer*, people have commenced eating their own dead children.

The furniture, fittings, telegraph instruments, &c., at all the stations belonging to the Great Western and London and Birmingham Railway Company are to be sold by auction, probably the 2nd instant.

A terrible colliery explosion has occurred near Morthay Tydwell. Thirty men were killed and a great many injured. The cause of the catastrophe was the carrying of a naked light into an old working.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

The engravings in our (this day's) impression are so fully described in the accounts in which the different athletes were engaged, that they require no recapitulation here. George Topley's greatfeat speaks for itself; Napper's celebrated Jerusalem is shown as just coming in before Yarmouth Joe's Jerry; while the preparation for the start by the "mokes" brings a vivid recollection to all those who were present to witness the scenes at the Metropolitan Running Grounds; while the view of the Prince of Wales Olympia shows the great contest for the Four Miles Champion Cup, first won by Teddy Mills, James Sanderson (Treacle), now champion runner of England, but whether he will be able to hold the Ten Miles Champion Cup, he so gallantly won at Hackney Wick, on the 26th, remains to be proved.

Theatrical and Musical Movements.

HARRY JON S. HARRY JONES, JENNY RUSSELL, JENNY BELL, AND MAREN WILDE FOR 410.

Harry Russell at the Wagon and Horses Concert-room, Albury, Staffordshire, are now creating quite a sensation in Albury night. Harry Jones, the only watchmaker in a crowd with his mechanical baby, must be seen to be appreciated. Peacock naturalized as a canary, and Jenny Bell, the charming soprano singer, and characteristic dancer, appears nightly with unbounded success. At liberty on Jan. 23rd. At present address as above.

NOTICE TO PROPRIETORS OF FIRST-CLASS MUSIC HALLS.

Alberte Dey, the Original Comic Singer and Dancer, now fulfilling a brilliant engagement at the Victoria and Dog Inn Halls, Halls. Second engagement. Reengaged at the Dog Inn for five weeks in June. At liberty July 9. N.B.—Alberte Dey the Original and not the Negro.

MR. TOM RUSHTON, BUFO, SQUATIS, AND CHARACTERIC COMIC VOCALIST.

Mr. Tom Rushton, Bufo, Squatis, and Characteric Comic Vocalist, at the King's Head, Princes Street, Edinburgh, now fulfilling a second week at the King's Head, Edinburgh. Address, Tom Rushton, King's Head, Lower Parliament Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. N.B.—All communications will be strictly attended to.

MISS JULIA SMYTHE, SENTIMENTAL, SERIO-COMIC, AND CHARACTERISTIC VOCALIST.

Miss Julia Smythe, Sentimental, Serio-comic, and Characteristic Vocalist, continues a ten weeks' engagement at the King's Head, Edinburgh, this day. Opens at the King's Head, Edinburgh, on Jan. 13th. At liberty Feb. 5th. All letters to be addressed as above.

F'BANTZ MUSIC HALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

In immediate success of Paddy Maguire, who opened here on Boxing Night for one month. Third engagement. At liberty on Feb. 5th. All letters to be addressed as above.

MR. FRED FOX, CHARACTERISTIC COMIC, AND MISS ROSE FOX.

Mr. Fred Fox, Characteristic Comic and Characteristic Singer and Dancer, Miss Rose Fox, opened at the Cross Inn, Kingswinford, on Saturday, January 6th, 1866, the greatest success. At liberty Jan. 23rd, 1866. All letters to be addressed as above.

M. R. TOM BENSON, THE GREAT NEGRO COMEDIAN, STILL CONTINUOUS.

M. R. Tom Benson, the great Negro Comedian, still continues his successful career at the Harp Music Hall, Grattan-street, Dublin. At present address as above.

ELECTRO-BIOLOGY.—NEATH, SOUTH WALES, SIX NIGHTS.

E. Friday, Dec. 29: Swansea, six nights, Jan. 6. Miss Poole, the greatest mesmerist in the world, will give her wonderful and laugh-producing experiments on Electro-Monology and Congo-Eccentricities, which have been given before most of the crowded halls of Europe with a decided success.

FRED STANLEY, SENSATION COMIC, AND CHARACTERISTIC VOCALIST.

Fred Stanley, the Sensation Comic, and Characteristic Vocalist, fulfills a second week at the Royal Concert Hall, Liverpool, while the manager and proprietors of Concert Halls that he is at liberty to make engagements for the 8th of January, 1866.

JOE WILSON, THE TYNESE BARD AND VOCALIST.

Joe Wilson has some four hundred thousand pounds in hand. Hoo to Levee at Lodjina, "Superstitious Sally," "Keep her feet still," "The Stolen Pocket-Hankie," &c., received nightly with enthusiastic applause from delighted audiences.

THE GREAT DEVON ILLUSIONIST, &c., &c.

fulfilling his fourth engagement at the Princess's Concert Hall, Leda, January 22. At liberty February 5th.

WILL BARNES, NEGRO ARTISTE, COMIQUE, AND DANCER.

Will Barnes, now engaged at the Masonic Hall, Bishop's Lynn, Norfolk, opened Monday last with great success at Hamilton's New Market Concert Hall, Bury. Opens Jan. 15. Theatre Royal, Durham. At liberty Feb. 5, then opens March 12. At Peacock's New Concert Hall, Stockport. Letters addressed as above strictly attended to.

STILL TRIUMPHANT.—MR. AND MRS. GUAINGHAM,

the Negro Comets, still the ascendancy, are now fulfilling an engagement at the Imperial Music Hall, Hanley-field; four calls every night, in their duets, burlesques, dances, &c. All letters for engagements, addressed as above, will be strictly attended to. Master Feathers now playing Harp-squat at the show hall. Good references and warble.

SEVENTH WEEK AND BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF TEDDY DIXIE.

of the Tyne, Tyneside, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the Scotch Music Hall, Glasgow. Kidderminster, Jan. 6, 1866. Opens at the Canterbury Music Hall, Halifax, Jan. 8; Royal Concert Music Hall, Wolverhampton, Jan. 22; Liberty Feb. 19, 1866. N.B.—All communications punctually attended to.

C'HALLINGSWORTH MUSIC HALL (Dudley, Staffs).

Chillingworth, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Daval, the eminent Samianologists, Character Soloists and Dancers, are still the acknowledged favourites, receiving three and four calls nightly. At liberty Jan. 15, 1866, for one month. All letters addressed to the above strictly attended to.

ENTHUSIASTIC reception of MR. W. H. FORRESTER,

the great comic Vocalist, at the Coliseum Music Hall, Ashton, Jan. 22, for one month. Borebury Arches Concert Hall, Luton, Feb. 19, for one month (second engagement). At liberty March 15, 1866. All letters punctually attended to.

DAN PIKE, THE IRISHMAN, TRUE DELINQUENT OF IRISH CHARACTER.

Jig, Bed, and Hoopine Dancer, now fulfilling a successful engagement of eight weeks at the Monastere Saloon, Dublin. No such word as failure. All letters addressed to D. Pike will be immediately attended to.

W. H. GEORGE, NEGRO COMEDIAN AND COMIC VOCALIST.

Author, Jig and Bed Dancer, now graced with chandlers of applause at the Tyne Concert Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Opens at the Theatre Royal, Durham (second engagement) Jan. 15, 1866. At liberty for six nights Jan. 22. Letters addressed to Macbeth, now fulfilling a successful engagement of ten weeks at the Moat, Dublin.

M. R. J. A. MURPHY, THE FUNNY IRISHMAN, VOCALIST,

M. Author, Jig and Bed Dancer, and the only legitimate rival to Macbeth, now fulfilling a successful engagement of ten weeks at the Moat, Dublin. At liberty for six nights Jan. 22. Letters addressed to Murphy, the Funny Irishman, Vocalist, at the Tyne Concert Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Opens at the Theatre Royal, Durham (second engagement) Jan. 15, 1866. At liberty for six nights Jan. 22. Letters addressed as above.

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